

introduced on this route?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) Representations have been received in this regard.

(b) Not feasible presently due to operational and resource constraints.

Direct Train from Dibrugarh to Bombay

4304. **SHRI PIYUS TIRAKY:** Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether North East Frontier Railway is the most neglected railway zone;

(b) if so, the steps being taken to bring this zone at par with other developed zones;

(c) whether a direct train from Dibrugarh to Bombay via Katihar Ranchi Sambhalpur-Bombay is proposed to be introduced;

(d) if so, when; and

(e) if not, the reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No, Sir. However, Guwahati is connected with Bombay by a weekly train via Patna.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) Resource and operational constraints.

Doubling of Falakata-Katihar Line and Linking of Alipurduar Junction with B-G line

4305. **SHRI PIYUS TIRAKY:** Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have undertaken the doubling work of broad gauge railway line on Northeast Frontier Railway;

(b) whether the work of doubling of Falakata-Katihar railways line has also been started;

(c) whether Government also propose to extend broad gauge railway network upto Alipurduar junction;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) On Falakata-Katihar via Kumedpur BG line, doubling has been approved on Kumedpur-Ambari Falakata section. On the remaining sections, there is, at present, no proposal for doubling.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) B.G. line passes via New Alipurduar which is quite close to Alipurduar Junction.

Production losses in Oil industry

4306. **SHRI KAILASH MEGHWAL:** Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) the figures of production losses in quantity and value, product-wise, company-wise and year-wise of the oil companies during the last three years;

(b) the main reasons for such losses;

(c) whether oil companies have any system of security, intelligence and monitoring to check such losses; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M.S. GURUPADASWAMY): (a) to (d). The information is being collected and will be laid on the table of the Lok Sabha.

Linking of Pilgrim Centres in Kerala by Railway line

4307. SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any representation recommendation from Kerala Government have been received by Union Government for laying a railway line to connect all the main Pilgrim centres in Kerala;

(b) if so, the details of places proposed to be connected as per the recommendation;

(c) the decision of Union Government thereon;

(d) whether Kerala Government have offered to meet any portion of the expenses to be incurred in this regard; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. For linking Angamali and Achenkovil Malayore via Perumpavoor, Aryankavu, Moovattupuzha, Kalady, Pelai, Pathanthitta etc.

(c) Due to acute constraint of resources, the proposal was not considered for being taken up.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.

Energy from Wind Mills

4308. SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have conducted or propose to conduct any survey to determine the scope for generating energy from wind mills in Kerala;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the total energy produced in the country from wind mills; and

(d) its proportion to the total energy production?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY AND MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHAMMAD KHAN): (a) and (b). The field Research Unit of the Indian Institute of Tropical Meteorology is conducting a wind survey in Kerala. In all, 300 wind mapping stations have been set up. In addition, a project for establishing 9 wind monitoring stations has been taken up.

(c) Till January, 1990, a total of over 22 million units of electricity has been fed to the State grid from wind farms.

(d) The total energy generations in the country was 223 billion units during 1989-90, upto 28.2.1990.

Promotion of Coir Industry in Kerala

4309. SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether any proposals have been received from Kerala Government for the promotion and development of coir industry in the State: