

maximum rating Wave Power Research & Development project is being set up by IIT Madras off Kerala Coast with a view to develop indigenous technology and examine its techno-economic viability. The project is estimated to cost approx. Rs. 2 crores.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Carriage with Train Between Nadiad-Kapadvanj

2792. SHRI GABHAJI MANGAJI THAKORE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to increase the carriage with train running between Nadiad-Kapadvanj; and

(b) if so, the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MAL-LIKARJUN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Replacement of Steam Locomotives on N.G. Section in Gujarat

2793. DR. K. D. JESWANI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that on account of bad coal supply and irregular maintenance of steam engines at N.G. Section (Gujarat), replacement of steam engines by diesel engines are a dire necessity;

(b) if so, when the necessary action in this regard will be taken; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MAL-LIKARJUN): (a) to (c). The Railways on account of operational necessities, for increasing efficiency and bringing about economy, have decided to replace all N.G. steam locomotives by the end of VIII Five Year Plan period. This will, however, be done in phases & depends on availability of funds for manufacture of diesel engines in Railway Production Units.

[Translation]

New Train Between New Delhi and Pathankot

2794. SHRI K. D. SULTANPURI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether representations have been received to introduce a new train between New Delhi and Pathankot or to extend any present train upto Pathankot;

(b) if so, the action taken by the Government thereon; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MAL-LIKARJUN): (a) to (c). The demands received in this regard were examined but not found feasible of implementation due to operational constraints and lack of resources.

[English]

Obsolete/Surplus Items in Various Units Divisions of ITDC

2795. SHRIMATI GEETA MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) how the optimum level of inventory

is determined in each unit/division of the India Tourism Development Corporation (ITDC) and the present level of inventory etc. in each unit:

(b) the value of obsolete/surplus items in each unit/division/activity of ITDC as on March, 31, 1991; and

(c) the details of major items lying in each unit/division/activity of the Corporation as on March 31, 1991 and how these are proposed to be disposed off?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRIMADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) to (c). The information is being collected and will be laid on the table of the Sabha.

Allocation to Power Sector in Tamil Nadu, Karnataka, Maharashtra

2796. SHRI H. D. DEVEGOWDA: Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state the details of the amount provided by the Union Government for power generation in different energy sectors of Tamil Nadu, Karnataka, Maharashtra, plan-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI

KALP NATH RAI): Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

[*Translation*]

Promotions of Railway Officials

2797. SHRI HARI KEWAL PRASAD: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the condition of minimum leftover service tenure has been fixed for promotion in certain categories of gazetted officers of the Railways;

(b) if so, the norms and purpose of these conditions of minimum leftover service tenure;

(c) the other categories in which this condition apply and the period of minimum leftover service tenure fixed in each case;

(d) whether this rule also applies to the promotion of group 'B' officers to group 'A'; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Posts	Minimum leftover service
In grade Rs. 7300-7600/-	One year.
General Manager and equivalent.	Two years.
Member, Railway Board.	Two years.
Chairman, Railway Board.	Two years as Member, Railway Board and/or Chairman, Railway Board, including at least one year as Chairman, Railway Board.