

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES AND MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI DINESH GOSWAMI): (a) During July, 1990, Karnataka faced an energy shortage of 22.8%.

(b) 10—50% Energy Cut and 10—20% demand cut on HT industries with contract demand above 1000 KVA was imposed in Karnataka during July, 1990.

(c) to (e). A 2x210 MW thermal plant at Mangalore is proposed to be set up by the National Thermal Power Corporation during the 8th Plan.

Ban on Smoking

1989. **SHRI BABANRAO DHAKNE:** Will the Minister RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Northern Railway has banned smoking in all the hospitals, dispensaries and educational institutions, run by it;

(b) whether Railways also propose to ban smoking in all classes of trains; and

(c) if so, the action proposed to be taken in the matter and if not, the reasons therefor?

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

(b) and (c). Smoking has been prohibited in AC Sleeper and AC Chair Car Coaches. In other coaches, no person should smoke in any compartment, if objected to, by any other passenger in that compartment.

Foreign Air Services in India

1990. **SHRI N. DENNIS:** Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of foreign air services operating in India at various flights;

(b) whether these airlines enjoy concessional rates; and

(c) if so, the details of these concessions?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES AND MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI DINESH GOSWAMI): (a) A total of 41 foreign airlines are operating 277 weekly flights to/from/through India.

(b) No, Sir. All the foreign airlines operating services to/from/through India are charged uniformity with reference to landing/parking and route navigation facility charges.

(c) Does not arise.

Promotion of Salt Industry in Goa

1991. **PROF. GOPALRAO MAYEKAR:** Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to promote salt industry in Goa; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI AJIT SINGH): (a) and (b). There is no proposal to promote Salt Industry in Goa as climatic conditions are not favourable for manufacture of salt by solar evaporation and the soil is not suitable for manufacture of salt on scientific lines.

[*Translation*]

Extension of Maharashtra Express Upto Gondia

1992. **SHRI KANKAR MUNJARE:** Will the Minister RAILWAYS be pleased to state: