

**Coal Supply to Power Plants in U. P.**

8759. SHRI KALPNATH SONKAR: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of coal based power plants in Uttar Pradesh;

(b) the quantity of coal required every month for these power plants;

(c) whether adequate quota of coal is supplied to these plants; and

(d) if not, the steps taken by Government to supply adequate quantity of coal to these plants to meet their requirement and the ensure uninterrupted supply of electricity in the State?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY AND MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHAMMAD KHAN): (a) to (d). The total number of coal based thermal power plants of capacity of 20 MW and above in Uttar Pradesh is eleven (11). The average monthly requirement of coal of these power plants during the year 1989-90 was assessed at 18,79,000 tonnes against which the actual receipt was 16,51,000 tonnes. The coal supply to these power stations is being continuously monitored by the concerned agencies

**Conversion of Jogbani-Katihar Line**

8760. SHRI SUKDEV PASWAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state.

(a) whether the proposal to convert Jogbani-Katihar railway section into broad gauge is pending with Government;

(b) whether the survey report of the said railway section has been submitted to Government and

(c) if so, by what time this railway line is likely to be converted into broad gauge and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI AJAY SINGH): (a) to (c). A survey conducted in 1984 for conversion of this section, 107 Km long, from MG to BG, revealed that the cost of the conversion would be about Rs. 30 crores. The present day cost would be around Rs. 60 crores. Due to acute constraint of resources and heavy commitments on hand, there is no proposal at present to take up conversion of this line.

[English]

**Foreign Airlines Operating Through Calcutta**

8761. SHRI SUDARSAN RAY CHAUDHURI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of foreign Airlines operating through the Calcutta Airport; and

(b) the steps taken so far to improve infrastructural facilities at Calcutta Airport?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY AND MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHAMMAD KHAN): (a) At present, seven foreign airlines are operating through Calcutta Airport.

(b) The construction of a New International Terminal Complex with all modern facilities at an estimated cost of Rs. 19.58 crores has been taken up by the International Airports Authority of India at Calcutta Airport to improve the infrastructural facilities there