

HARMOHAN DHAWAN): (a) to (d). As it will take several months before the fleet of A-320 aircraft gets reinducted in a substantial manner, Indian Airlines has no plan at present to start a service between Delhi and Vishakapatnam.

Conversion of Rajkot-Veraval Line

1954. **SHRI G.K. SHEKHADA:**
SHRI PRAKASH KOKO
BRAHMBHATT:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the conversion of Rajkot-Veraval M.g. Railway line into Broad Gauge will be started during first year of the Eighth Plan, if not, the reasons therefor;

(b) whether any request of the State Government in this regard is pending for consideration with the Union Government; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BHAKTA CHARAN DAS): (a) No, Sir. The work could not be sanctioned in the 1st year of VIII Plan due to paucity of resources.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Allotment of Book Stalls.

1955. **SHRI RAJ MANGAL MISHRA:** Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the names of stations declared vacant for allotting of book-stalls in each zone at the time of issue of letter No. 73-TG-III/461/9/Imp. dated the 5 December, 1973 for

unemployed graduates and their groups;

(b) the names of stations and parties to whom such book stalls were given, zone-wise; and

(c) the names of stations still lying vacant in each zone?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA): (a) to (c). Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

LPG Connections in Jamnagar

1956. **SHRI CHANDRESH PATEL:** Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of LPG connections provided during the last three years in Jamnagar district of Gujarat;

(b) the number of persons on waiting list for LPG connections there;

(c) the steps taken to provide LPG connections there; and

(d) the future plan for providing LPG connection in each place in Jamnagar?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALVIYA): (a) During the last three years (December, 1987 to November, 1990) about 9,700 new LPG connections have been released in Jamnagar district of Gujarat.

(b) As on November 30, 1990 there were about 10,900 persons on the waiting list for release of new LPG connections in Jamnagar district.

(c) and (d). New LPG connections are

released all over the country in a phased manner, under the annual programme for enrollment of customers, subject to availability of LPG. Also, LPG facility is being provided in a phased manner to cities/towns with a population of 20,000 and above which offer viable distributorships, subject to overall availability of the product. However, in view of the recent Gulf crisis, shortages in the product availability and backlogs, release of new LPG connections has been withheld till the situation improves.

Allotment of Petrol/Diesel Pumps

1957. SHRI A.K.A. ABDUL SAMAD: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of petrol and diesel retail outlets in the country as on 1 April, 1990;

(b) their break-up, Company-wise and State-wise;

(c) the outlets assigned to SC's, ST's, OBC's and minorities;

(d) the outlets assigned to unemployed graduates, ex-servicemen, freedom fighters or other special groups;

(e) the number of adopting outlets planned for 1990-91; and

(f) the State-wise and category-wise break-up?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALVIYA): (a) to (d). The information is given in statement-I and II give below. No statistics are maintained about the Retails Outlet (diesel/petrol) allotted to dealers belonging to OBCs and minorities.

(e) and (f). The number of outlets planned for the year 1990-91 has not been finalised.