

to adopt any uniform policy on the price of coal like Gas & Oil in the country;

- (b) if so, the details in this regard; and
(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI S.B. NYAMAGOUDA): (a) to (c) Pithead prices charged by Coal India Limited (CIL) are the same for same grade of coal irrespective of the mine/area/company where coal is produced. Similarly in case of Singareni Collieries Company Limited (SCCL) also, pithead prices, although different from the prices charged by Coal India Limited, are the same for same grade of coal produced in any mine or area of the company.

Hon'ble Member is perhaps suggesting that delivered price of coal payable by the consumer should be the same at the consumers' end as in case of petroleum products. Such price equalisation can be achieved only if a freight equalisation scheme is implemented for coal.

There is at present no proposal to introduce a Freight Equalisation Scheme for coal for the following reasons:—

- (i) Coal is a low value, bulk commodity and therefore, freight is a major element in its delivered cost.
- (ii) Coal is produced in a large number of locations and in many grades. Freight equalisation for many production centres and for 210 million tonnes of varying grades, would pose innumerable difficulties.

- (iii) Freight equalisation for coal would transfer the financial burden to consumers near the coalfields and may also interfere with optimal location and economical principles for location of user industries leading to avoidable wastages.

Resumption of Vayudoot Services

3455. SHRI SHANKERSINH

VAGHELA:

DR. A.K. PATEL:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the number of stations currently connected by the Vayudoot services and their locations;

(b) the sectors where Vayudoot services were discontinued during the last two years; and

(c) the reasons therefor and when these services are likely to be resumed?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) A list of 42 stations operational as on 14th August, 1991 is given in Statement—I.

(b) A list of 54 stations from where Vayudoot services were withdrawn during 1989-90 and 1990-91 is given in Statement—II.

(c) For commercial and operational reasons, services were withdrawn from these stations. Given the financial position of Vayudoot, it is not feasible for Vayudoot at the present juncture to enlarge its operations.

STATEMENT—I

List of operational Stations as on 14th August, 1991

REGIONS		REGIONS	
NORTHERN	SOUTHERN	EASTERN	WESTERN
01. Delhi	01. Hyderabad	01. Calcutta	01. Bombay
02. Kanpur	02. Vijayawada	02. Jamshedpur	02. Pune
03. Lucknow	03. Rajahmundry	03. Aizwal	03. Kandla
04. Chandigarh	04. Tirupati	04. Silchar	04. Rajkot
05. Kulu	05. Madras	05. Guwahati	05. Kolhapur
06. Ludhiana	06. Coimbatore	06. Cooch Behar	06. Porbandar

R E G I O N S		R E G I O N S	
NORTHERN	SOUTHERN	EASTERN	WESTERN
07. Jodhpur	07. Pondicherry	07. Agartala	07. Keshod
08. Jaisalmer	08. Bangalore	08. Kailashahar	08. Aurangabad
09. Shimla	09. Belgaum	09. Shillong	09. Baroda
10. Dharamshala	10. Madurai		10. Ahmedabad
11. Dehradun	11. Cochin		
	12. Agatti		
TOTAL: (11 + 12 + 9 + 10 = 42 Stations)			

STATEMENT—II

List of Vayudoot stations from where services were withdrawn during 1989-90 & 1990-91

N.R.	E.R.	S.R.	W.R.
J & K	Tripura	Andhra Pradesh	Gujarat
01. Jammu	19. Kamalpur	35. Cuddapah	47. Deesa
02. Rajouri	Arunachal Pradesh	36. Ramagundam	Maharashtra
Uttar Pradesh	20. Zero	37. Vishakhapatnam	48. Ratnagiri
03. Allahabad	21. Daparizo	Karnataka	49. Sholapur
04. Agra	22. Along	38. Bellary	50. Osmanabad
05. Varanasi	23. Passighat	39. Mysore	51. Nagpur
Punjab	24. Tozu	40. Hubli	52. Akola
06. Bhatinda	West Bengal	Tamil Nadu	53. Nanded
Rajasthan	25. Malda	41. Thanjavur	UT-Daman & Diu
07. Kota	Bihar	42. Neyvelli	54. Daman
08. Jaipur	26. Gaya	43. Trichurapalli	
Madhya Pradesh	27. Dhanbad	44. Madurai	
09. Jabalpur	28. Patna		
10. Khajuraho	29. Ranchi	Kerala	
11. Rewa	Orissa	45. Calicut	
12. Bhopal	30. Bhubaneshwar	UT-Pondicherry	
13. Guna	31. Jeypore	46. Pondicherry	
14. Bilaspur	32. Rourkela		
15. Raipur	Manipur		
16. Satna	33. Imphal		
17. Jagdalpur	Nagaland		
18. Indore	34. Dimapur		

[Translation]

Setting up of LPG Bottling Plants

3456. श्री TEJ NARAYAN SINGH: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to set up new LPG bottling plants;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the places where these plants are likely to be set up and the capacity thereof?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) to (c) New