

The AMPC is housed in a departmental building and; therefore; there is no rental.

(c) The machine has been utilised upto about 4.89 lakh articles per day which is 54.3 per cent of the operating capacity.

(d) At present a substantial proportion of letter mail cannot be handled by the automatic sorting machines because of various factors like their shape, size, content, etc. In order to make a larger proportion of letter mail amenable to machine handling, the following steps have been taken:

(i) Postcards and Inland Letter Cards which were hitherto non-machinable, have been redesigned to suit the requirements of mechanised sorting.

(ii) Envelopes have been standardised by statutory rule to make them machinable to a greater extent than hitherto.

(iii) Use of standardised envelopes is being popularised by publicity and contacts with users.

(iv) Collection and preliminary processing practices like segregation of machinable and non-machinable mail are constantly reviewed and modified as found necessary.

Computerised reservation facility in Ajmer Division

*331. SHRI KANAK MAL KATARA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of railway stations in Ajmer Division of Western Railway where computerised reservation is available;

(b) the names of stations where this facility is not available;

(c) the reasons for not providing computerised reservation facility at Udaipur railway station; and

(d) the steps proposed to be taken to extend this facility at Udaipur and other Railway stations?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) and (b) Six stations namely, Ajmer, Abu Road, Gandhidham, New Bhuj, Falna and Udaipur have been provided with computerised reservation facilities on Ajmer Division of Western Railway. The remaining stations do not have this facility.

(c) and (d) Computerised reservation facilities have been provided at Udaipur station and became operational from 27.3.95. There is no proposal to provide this facility at any other station on Ajmer Division at present.

Opening of New LPG Agencies in Uttar Pradesh

*332. SHRI RAJ NATH SINGH: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of LPG agencies in Uttar Pradesh at present;

(b) the present position of supply and demand of LPG in the State;

(c) whether any requests for opening of new LPG agencies have been received from Uttar Pradesh, particularly from hill districts of the State; and

(d) if so, by when the agencies are likely to be opened?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPTAIN SATISH SHARMA): (a) As on 1.1.1995, there were 515 LPG distributorships operating in Uttar Pradesh.

(b) The average monthly demand of LPG in Uttar Pradesh is 33724 MTs. which is normally being met in full by the Industry. However, there has been a marginal shortfall in supply during the months of February-March, 1995 due to transportation problems, product availability constraints at some of the bottling plants of BPCL and non-availability of 'C Forms due to State Government employees strike. Action has been taken