

(d) what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) and (b) The HBJ pipeline already passes through the State of Madhya Pradesh.

(c) and (d) The gas based projects in Madhya Pradesh are NFL's fertiliser plant and GAIL's LPG plant at Vijaipur. A polypropylene plant is also proposed to be set up at Vijaipur by GAIL.

Promotion of SC/ST employees in Western Railway

3932. SHRI RAM DEO BHANDARI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the authorities of Jaipur Zone of Western Railway have not been promoting the SC-ST employees even when the General Manager's Office has recommended for their promotion; and

(b) if so, what action Government propose to take against such officers for non-compliance of the reservation policy of the Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Suburban Railways

3933. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of ever increasing overcrowding in locals plying on suburban railways;

(b) if so, what are the immediate plans or long term proposals to deal with the terrible problem of overcrowding on locals at Bombay;

(c) the details of funds provided for improving services and facilities on Bombay suburban during Eighth Five Year Plan Scheme-wise;

(d) whether any ground railway proposal is under consideration which could be or possible solution to the over crowding on suburban railways; and

(e) the income from and expenditure on suburban railways during the past three years and the projected trends of revenue and investment for the next three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Introduction of trains is a continuous process subject to availability of resources. From 1.7.1992, 54 local trains have been introduced in Bombay suburban area operated under both Central and Western Railways Systems.

(c) and (e) During the Eighth Five Year Plan, Rs. 700 crore have been planned for investment in Metropolitan Transport Projects and Rs. 4,500 crore on Traffic Facility Works over entire Indian Railways. Area-wise and scheme-wise investments will be planned every year as per needs. The latest figures of earnings and expenditure on suburban sections of Indian Railways are as under:—

(figures in Rs. crores)

Year	Expenditure	Earnings
1988-89	419.78	297.77
1989-90	510.63	313.01
1990-91	575.16	367.85

The suburban earnings for the year 1991-92 (Revised Estimates) and 1992-93 (Budget Estimate) are estimated at Rs. 394 crores and Rs. 547 crores respectively. No projection of earnings has been made yet for the year 1993-94. As regards the expenditure on suburban section, the track and other assets are commonly used by suburban and non-suburban trains. The expenditure on the