

(b) if so, the stations to be included under this scheme ; and

(c) the broad outlines of the said scheme and the time by which this scheme would be implemented ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MOHD. SHAFI QURESHI) : (a) to (c) Need based repairs/expansion of Railway Stations is a continuing process and during the year 1973-74 existing facilities are being augmented at Ernakulam, Punalur, Ottakkal, Edapalayam and Cannanore at a total cost of Rs. 4 59 lakhs. Further as a part of Trivandrum Central-Ernakulam MG-BG conversion, five stations viz. Trivandrum Central, Murukkâm-purha, Kadakkavur, Varkala and Qilon will be improved and work will be completed by 1975.

**Setting up of a Bench of Supreme Court in South**

9523. SHRIMATI BHARGAVI THAN KAPPAN : Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the question of setting up a Bench of the Supreme Court at a convenient place in South India has been considered by Government ; and

(b) if so, what decision has been taken thereon ?

THE MINISTER OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI H. R. GOKHALE) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

**Increase in Crude Price Sought by ESSO**

9524 SHRI PURUSHOTTAM KAKODKAR :

SHRI P. M. MEHTA : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state :

(a) whether ESSO has also sought an additional increase in the price of crude oil imported by it ; and

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI DALBIR SINGH) :

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The request is under consideration and the Government is looking into all aspects of the matter.

**Scheme re: Canal Extension From Udhara-Asthan Barrage on Falgu River in Bihar**

9525. SHRI SUKHDEO PRASAD VERMA : Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have under consideration any scheme regarding the canal extension from Udhara-Asthan barrage on Falgu river in Bihar State, in the near future ; and

(b) if so, the time by which the scheme will be implemented ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF IRRIGATION AND POWER (SHRI BALGOVIND VERMA) : (a) The Government of Bihar have stated that no proposal for extension of existing canals from Udhara-Asthan Barrage on the river Falgu is under their consideration.

(b) Does not arise.

**Fire in Badarpur Power Station Delhi**

9526. SHRI SUKHDEO PRASAD VERMA : Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state :

(a) whether fire broke out in the Badarpur power station, Delhi on the 7th April 1973;

(b) whether Government have investigated the causes of the fire, and

(c) if so, the results of the investigation ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF IRRIGATION AND POWER (SHRI BALGOVIND VERMA) :

(a) Yes, Sir

(b) The case was reported to the Police who have already completed investigations in the matter. A Departmental Enquiry Committee has also been constituted by the C.W. & P.C. (Power Wing) for the purpose.

(c) The reports of the Departmental Enquiry Committee as well as that from the Police are awaited.

**जमाज की दुलाई के लिए रेलवे अंगन**

9527. श्री अटल बिहारी वाजपेयी : क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) खाद्यान्नो को ढोने के लिए जोनवार कितने रेल डिब्बों की मांग है तथा आगामी सप्ताहों में मांग कितनी होने का अनुमान है ;

(ख) मांग को पूरा करने के लिए क्या पग उठाये जा रहे हैं ; और

(ग) यदि किसी विशिष्ट स्थान पर डिब्बे उपलब्ध करने में कठिनाई हो तो उसके तुरन्त निवारण के लिए क्या प्रबन्ध किए जा रहे हैं ?

रेल मन्त्रालय में उध-मन्त्री (श्री मुहम्मद सफी कुरेशी) : (क) रबी के खाद्यान्नों की दुलाई मुख्यतः पंजाब, हरियाणा और उत्तर प्रदेश के तीन बहुलता वाले राज्यों में संकेन्द्रित है। कृषि मन्त्रालय ने मई, 1973 के महीने में विभिन्न क्षेत्रीय रेलों से खाद्यान्न की दुलाई के लिए माल डिब्बों की दैनिक आवश्यकता का जो पूर्वानुमान लगाया है, वह निम्नलिखित तालिका में दिया गया है :—

रेलवे	माल डिब्बों की दैनिक आवश्यकता		
	बड़ी लाइन	मीटर लाइन	छोटी लाइन
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	(अन्तर्राज्यीय) ]		
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	भीतर)		
पश्चिम	45	95	—

	1	2	3	4
पूर्व		50	—	—
मध्य		165	—	—
पूर्वोत्तर		—	70	—
दक्षिण		60	35	—
दक्षिण-मध्य		60	—	—
दक्षिण-पूर्व		210	—	40
		1990	350	40

(ख) भारतीय खाद्य निगम की मागों के अनुसार विभिन्न क्षेत्रीय रेलों से खाद्यान्न की दुलाई के लिए माल डिब्बों की सप्ताही मुनिश्चित करने की दिशा में आवश्यक प्रबन्ध कर लिए गए हैं।

(ग) आमतौर पर आवक लदे माल डिब्बे जब खाली हो जाते हैं तो उनका उपयोग किसी विशेष स्टेशन पर खाद्यान्न के लदान के लिए किया जाता है। अब ये माल डिब्बे आवश्यकताओं की पूर्ति के लिए पर्याप्त नहीं होते तो आस पास के स्टेशनों से खाली माल डिब्बे मंगाये जाते हैं।

**Production in Excess of Licence capacities granted to Drug Manufacturing Firms with Foreign Equity exceeding 26 per cent**

9528. SHRI K. S. CHAVDA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether most of the Drug manufacturing firms with foreign equity exceeding 26 per cent have exceeded the capacities licenced to them under the provisions of the Industries (Dev. & Reg) Act 1951;

(b) if so, the names of these firms and the excess production achieved by each; and

(c) what action Government propose to take against these firms?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) to (c). Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House in due course.