

Expansion of Refineries at Visakhapatnam

204. SHRI P. RAJAGOPAL NAIDU: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) Whether Government have any proposal for expanding refineries at Visakhapatnam; and

(b) if so, facts thereof?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI H. N. BAHUGUNA):

(a) and (b). Government have no proposal at present for the expansion of the Caltex Refinery at Visakhapatnam, which has been taken over by them with effect from 30th December, 1976. Certain modifications to this Refinery have however, been undertaken so as to enable the Refinery to process Bombay High Crude also.

Survey for Hubli-Karwar Railway Line

205. SHRI G. Y. KRISHNAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a Survey for the Hubli-Karwar railway was conducted in 1972;

(b) whether the Karnataka Government had offered land and sleepers free for the project; and

(c) if so, the details regarding its progress?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE):

(a) Yes.

(b) No.

(c) The justification for construction of the line was mainly for the export of iron ore from Bellary-Hospet area through Karwar Port, and for the traffic to be offered as a result of commissioning of Vijyanagar Steel Plant.

Since no concrete progress has been made on the scheme to export iron ore via Karwar Port and the proposed Steel Plant project has also not made much progress, the construction of the line has not been approved so far. Fresh traffic appraisal for the project has, however, been ordered which will take into account the latest developments.

Manufacture of Diesel Shunter and Electric Locomotives in CLW

206. SHRI SHYAMAPRASANNA BHATTACHARYYA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Diesel shunters and Electric Locomotives manufactured in Chittaranjan Locomotive Works per month;

(b) the cost per locomotive; and

(c) the sale price per locomotive?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE):

(a) Outturn per month—

Diesel Shunter=2.25 locomotives.

Electric Locomotives= locomotives.

(b) Cost per locomotive—

Diesel Shunter = Rs. 29 lakhs.

Electric Locomotive
AC/MT = Rs. 45 lakhs.
AC/DC = Rs. 54 lakhs.

(c) Transfer price of locomotives produced for Railways own use is based on no-profit no-loss basis.

Tube Railway for Calcutta

207. SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR DHARA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the progress made in the construction of tube railway in Calcutta;