

(b) Yes, Sir. The expansion will involve increase in the capacity of Aroclins, Acetanilide Hydrogen and Nitrobenzene and the manufacture of Concentrated Nitric Acid.

Payment of Compensation to Burmah-Shell Refineries

4025. **SHRI P. RAJAGOPAL NAIDU** : Will the Minister of PETROLEIUM AND CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are paying compensation to Burmah Shell Refineries Limited ; and

(b) if so, the compensation paid to it ?

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

(b) The following payments have so far been made for the purchase of 100% shares of Burmah Shell Refineries Limited and for acquiring of the Indian assets and liabilities of Burmah Shell Oil Storage and Distributing Co. of India Limited.

Details of payment	Amount in Pound Sterling paid	Rupee equivalent	Date of payment
1. Principal amount for the purchase of 100% shares of Burmah-Shell Refineries Limited	5,069,924	8,78,59,353.61	30-3-76
2. Interest on principal amount of Burmah-Shell Refineries Ltd. for the period 1-1-76 to 30-3-76	99,736	15,23,268.42	30-3-77
3. First instalment of the principal amount for the acquisition of assets and liabilities of Burmah-Shell Oil Storage & Distributing Co. of India Limited	3,802,443	5,80,74,730.81	30-3-77
4. Interest on principal from 1-1-76 to 30-3-77 on item 3 above	1,513,477	2,31,15,341.73	30-3-77
Total	10,485,580	17,05,72,694.57	

बाबुकीनाथ और संजाल परगना के बीच रेल सम्पर्क

4026. **डा० रामजी सिंह** : क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार की बाबुकीनाथ का संजाल परगना से तथा देवघर का मोघोपुर होते हुए संजाल परगना से रेल लाइन द्वारा सम्पर्क स्थापित करने के बारे में कोई सुझाव प्राप्त हुआ है ;

(ख) यदि हाँ, तो क्या सरकार ने इस बारे में कोई कदम उठाये हैं ; और

(ग) इस लाइन से लाभान्वित होने वाले दैनिक यात्रियों तथा यात्रियों की संख्या के बारे में कोई जानकारी एकत्र की गई है ?

रेल मंत्री (श्री० जगु बंसवते) : (क) जी हाँ ।

(क) और (घ) : मन्थार द्विप से बुलका, बुलका से बैजिनवा, बुलका से बैजनाथवादि, बुलका से मधुपुर और बुलका से रामपुर हाट तक नयी बड़ी लाइनों के लिए टोह इंजीनियरी एवं वातायात सर्वेक्षण किये गये हैं। प्रस्तावित साइन सनमन 237 कि०मी० लम्बी होगी और बताया है कि वर्तमान मूल्य के हिसाब से इन पर लगभग 35 करोड़ रुपये लागत आएगी। मथलपुर-मन्थार द्विप लाइन का विस्तार बजनाथवादि (बैजवाड़) तक करने के लिए प्रारंभिक इंजीनियरी एवं वातायात सर्वेक्षण का काम इस वर्ष के बजट में शामिल कर लिया गया है।

Conversion of Narrow/Metre Gauge Lines into Broad Gauge in Identified areas

4027. SHRI K. LAKKAPPA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) Whether Government have taken the decision to give priority for new lines as well as conversion of narrow/metre gauge lines into broad gaugelines ;

(b) if so, whether Government have surveyed and identified the areas that will be covered during the current financial year ;

(c) if so, what are the areas and in which State; and

(d) the total expenditure involved on these lines ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE) :

(a) The Ministry of Railways are aware of the need of constructing new railway lines and carrying out conversion of metre gauge lines to broad gauge in backward areas and this is given due consideration while taking decisions about new projects.

(b) Railways are guided by the respective State Government in deciding whether an area is backward.

(c) Statement showing new lines and gauge conversion projects which will be in progress or will be taken up in the current financial year is laid on the Table of the House. [Placed in Library. See No. LT-751/77].

(d) The total expenditure on new lines in the current financial year will be Rs. 23.58 crores and on gauge conversion about Rs. 25.07 crores.

Agreement with UAE for import of crude

4028. SHRI K. LAKKAPPA : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state :

(a) whether any agreement for the supply of crude by the UAE to India was signed recently ;

(b) if so, whether any talks were held between the Government of India and the Abu Dhabi National Oil Company recently; and

(c) if so, the broad outlines thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI H. N. BAHUGUNA) : (a) A contract was signed between Indian Oil Corporation and the Abu Dhabi National Oil Company of UAE in September 1976, for the supply of 1 million tonnes of crude oil during 1977.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Security deposits taken by cooking Gas dealers from consumers

4029. SHRI K. MALLANNA : SHRI ISHWAR CHOUDHARY :

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the cooking gas dealers charge some money as security deposit from the consumers for gas cylinders ;

(b) if so, what amount is charged ;

(c) whether this security deposit is invested by the dealers in their business without paying any interest to the consumers on this amount ; if so, reasons therefor ; and

(d) whether Government propose to ask dealers to deposit the amount in