

(iii) capacity to arrange finance and capability to provide facilities;

(iv) preparedness for working full-time as a dealer; and

(v) general assessment and extra-curricular activities.

In addition some distributorships are also awarded on compassionate grounds.

Setting up of Refinery in Orissa

2325. SHRI CHITTA BASU: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to set up a refinery near Paradeep in Orissa, based on imported crude oil; and

(b) if so, the steps taken in that direction?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M.S. GURUPADASWAMY): (a) and (b). Indian Oil Corporation has submitted a proposal for setting up of a 6 MTPA refinery on the East Coast of India. However, a decision on the above proposal including its location would be taken only after finalisation of the refinery projects for the VIIIth Plan period.

[*Translation*]

Palana Barsingsar Lignite Power Project

2326. SHRI SHOPAT SINGH MAKKASAR: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Palana Barsingsar Lignite Power Project (Rajasthan) is pending approval of Union Government and

(b) if so, the reasons for delay in sanctioning the project and when the approval is likely to be given?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY AND MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHAMMAD KHAN): (a) and (b). An integrated project for a lignite mine (1.7 million tonnes per annum) and the linked thermal power station (2 X 120 MW) at Barsingsar in Bikaner District of Rajasthan is under consideration of the Government. The feasibility report of the project is under examination.

Train accidents on Unmanned Railway Crossings

2327. SHRI SHOPAT SINGH MAKKASAR:
SHRI KUSUMA KRISHNA MURTHY:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of unmanned railway crossings in the country at present;

(b) whether there has been an increase in the accidents on unmanned railway crossings;

(c) if so, the number of rail accidents which occurred on various unmanned railway crossings during last three years, zone-wise and division-wise; and

(d) the steps being taken by Government to check these accidents?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) At present there are 21,388 unmanned level crossings (which exclude cattle and canal crossings) on the Indian Railways.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) Safety measures taken to avoid accidents at unmanned level crossings include provision of road signs and rumble strips/speed breakers, counselling of train drivers, educating road users through press, Akashvani, Doordarshan and cinema slides etc. and conducting ambush checks jointly with State Government officials, including traffic police to enforce compliance with the provisions of Motor Vehicles Act.

Overbridge in Rani Bazar (Bikaner)

2328. SHRI SHOPAT SINGH MAKKASAR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the progress made in regard to the construction of an overbridge on the railway crossing in Rani Bazar in Bikaner; and

(b) the time by which the construction work thereon is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) The overall progress of the work is 50%.

(b) Completion of the work will mainly depend on the completion of the bridge approaches by the State Government.

Rail Accidents

2329. SHRI GANGA CHARAN LODHI:
SHRI KAMAL CHAUDHRY:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of train accidents during last six months;

(b) the number of accidents out of them

due to bomb explosions and the number of accidents due to other reasons;

(c) the number of persons killed in each accident;

(d) the amount of compensation paid to the families of the persons killed and injured in these accidents; and

(e) whether Government have received the inquiry report in regard to the causes of accidents and if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) to (c). There were 240 train accidents on Indian Railways during the period 1.9.1989 to 28.2.1990. There were no accidents to trains due to bomb explosions. 73 train passengers lost their lives in these accidents.

(d) Rs. 3,12,000/-

(e) As per provisional findings, 140 accidents occurred due to failure of railway staff, 24 due to failure of persons other than railway staff, 47 due to equipment failure, 9 due to incidental factors, 2 due to sabotage. Exact causes could not be established in 3 cases and in another 15 cases, causes are yet to be finalised.

Sick Industrial Units

2330. SHRI HARI KEWAL PRASAD:
SHRI M.G. SEKHAR:
SHRI TEJ NARAYAN SINGH:
SHRI ANADI CHARAN DAS:
SHRI KESHARI LAL:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise and Sector-wise