

(a) the present position of petrochemical project at Haldia in West Bengal; and

(b) when the project is expected to be commissioned?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M.S. GURUPADASWAMY) (a) and (b). Industrial approvals have been given for the setting up of a petrochemical complex at Haldia in West Bengal. The implementation period for such projects is normally 3 to 4 years.

#### **Bakreswar Thermal Power Plant, West Bengal**

104. SHRI HANNAN MOLLAH:  
SHRI CHITTA BASU:

Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering to extend necessary helps to Bakreswar Thermal Power Plan in West Bengal;

(b) whether Government will allow the West Bengal Government to utilise foreign financial help for the project; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY AND MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHAMMAD KHAN): (a) to (c). The Bakreswar Thermal Power Project is being implemented in the State Sector. Any request from the Government of West Bengal to avail of external financial assistance would be considered in accordance with the policies in force.

#### **Howrah-Amta Railway Line**

105. SHRI HANNAN MOLLAH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Howrah-Amta broadgauge line is not getting the necessary funds for construction since 1972;

(b) whether Government propose to construct the line early; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) to (c). The Howrah-Amta/Champadanga (74 km) BG line project was approved in 1974-75. The first 24 km upto Bargachia had been commissioned in 1984. Funds for the remaining portions could not be allocated due to severe constraint of resources. The State Government has now been requested to make available land required for Howrah-Amta section.

#### **Pending Railway Projects in West Bengal**

106. SHRI HANNAN MOLLAH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the pending railway projects in West Bengal;

(b) if so, the names of those Projects and how long they are pending;

(c) whether Government propose to construct those projects; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Eklakhi-Balurghat and Howrah-Amta/Champadanga BG line Projects are pending since 1984.

(c) and (d). This would depend on the availability of resources in the coming years.