

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ELECTRONICS AND DEPARTMENT OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI EDUARDO FALERIO): (a) to (d) A 900 tonnes per day ammonia plant is being constructed by FACT at Cochin at a cost of Rs. 618.43 crores, to be mechanically completed by September, 1996. No other expansion scheme has been proposed by FACT.

(e) and (f) Although, in the short run, the company faced problem in marketing of their phosphatic products immediately after decontrol of phosphatic fertilizers in August, 1992, the situation is gradually improving. On its part, Government is giving the special concession on decontrolled phosphatic fertilizers only to indigenous products with a view to enabling the industry to compete with imports.

Withdrawal of Azimganj Andal Local Train

13. DR. RAM CHANDRA DOME: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that people are facing great difficulties own to withdrawal of Azimganj-Andal local train;

(b) if so, whether any steps have been taken to restore the train; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C.K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) to (c) Consequent to *disannulisation* of the section, Andal-Azimganj Passenger has been re-organised to run as DMU Push-Pull train between Andal-Sainthia and Passenger train between Rampurhat-Azimganj with connecting services between Sainthia-Rampurhat.

Suburban Services

14. SHRI TARIT BARAN TOPDAR:
SHRI AMAL DATTA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the existing number of suburban trains running in Calcutta, Sealdah and Kharagpur Divisions is not sufficient keeping in view the passenger traffic during peak hours;

(b) if so, whether any concrete steps are being taken to provide better suburban services;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C.K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) to (d) The demand for travel is more during peak hours. However, suburban services in Calcutta area are by the large adequate. Improvement in suburban services including introduction of additional services is a continuous process subject to operational feasibility and availability of resources.

Trains via Asansol

15. DR. SUDHIR RAY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to run one of the New Delhi-Puri trains i.e. Puri Express or Purushottam Express via Asansol;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C.K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Due to operational constraints and due to its being well patronised on the existing route.

Electrification of Stations

16. SHRI D. VENKATESWARA RAO:
SHRI BASUDEB ACHARIA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have any plan for electrification of 141 stations during 1994-95;

(b) if so, the total stations to be electrified in each state alongwith the total amount to be spent thereon;

(c) whether there is any demand from Andhra Pradesh Government that more railway stations should be electrified during 1995-96; and

(d) if so, the extent to which the railway stations are likely to be electrified during 1995-96?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C.K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A statement is attached.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.