

Doubling of Cuttack-Paradeep Railway Line

4137. SHRI GOPI NATH GAJAPATHI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the work of doubling of the railway line from Cuttack of Paradeep has made any substantial progress;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps taken to expedite the completion of the project?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) to (d). Survey for doubling of Cuttack-Paradeep section has been approved. It is difficult to state, at this stage, as to when the work would be taken up or completed.

Gas find in Tripura

4138. SHRI MANIK SANYAL: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Oil and Natural Gas Commission has discovered a vast gas zone in Tripura;

(b) if so, the proposal to utilise the gas reserves found there;

(c) whether any gas-based project is proposed to be set up there; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M.S. GURUPADASWAMY): (a) to (d). ONGC have established production potential for natural gas in Tripura. Gas is now being supplied to the following gas based power projects in the State:

(i) Baramura Power Plant : 0.13 MMCMD

(ii) Rokhia Power Plant : 0.05 MMCMD

In addition, about 0.015 MMCMD gas is also being supplied to Brick Kilns and other small consumers.

The consumption of gas in the two power plants at Baramura and Rokhia is expected to go upto 0.2 MMCMD and 0.15 MMCMD respectively by about August 1990 after additional turbines are installed.

Availability of gas has also been indicated for the following projects:

(i) 500 MW Power Plant

(ii) 75 MW Power Plant

(iii) Agartala City Distribution.

[Translation]

Allotment of Stalls and Trolleys to SC/ST at Railway Stations

4139. SHRI GOPAL PACHERWAL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether tea stalls, book stalls, refreshment stalls and trollies at Railway Stations are given on contract basis or allotted directly;

(b) whether preference is given to persons belonging to Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes for allotment of stalls and trollies at the Railway Stations; and

(c) if so, the zone-wise number of stalls and trollies allotted to persons belonging to the Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) Allotment of catering, vending and book stalls contracts

are done by Zonal Railways Administrations by calling applications through Press notifications and/or through local notices displayed at Railway Stations. Applications so received are scrutinised by a screening Committee of officers and based on their recommendations and after approval of the competent authority the contract is awarded to a most suitable candidate on merits.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

[English]

Power Projects with USSR assistance

4140. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEO: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

Name of the Project	Executing Agency	Capacity (MW)	Estimated Cost (Rs. crores)	Loan amount (in million Roubles)
1. Vindhyachal STPP Stage-I	NTPC	6 X 210	1335.25	384.00
2. Kahalgaon TPS	NTPC	4 X 210	1484.00	224.25
3. Vindhyachal STPP Stage - II	NTPC	2 X 500	1316.25	400.00
4. Kayamkulam	NTPC	2 X 210	754.25	—
5. Mangalore	NTPC	2 X 210	801.10	770.00
6. Maithon RBC	DVC	4 X 210	1205.80	—
7. Tehri Hydro Power Complex	THDC	4 X 250	2439.40	1500.00
		4 X 250		
		4 X 100		
8. Kol Dam	NJPC	4 X 200	942.51	

(a) the details of various power projects at present proposed to be executed with the USSR assistance in the country;

(b) whether only one manufacturing facility for a number of equipments, like all power stations control panels, existed at a factory in Baku, Azerbaijan, where production has been affected recently; and

(c) if so, whether Government have reviewed or propose to review the entire gamut of Soviet-aided power project programme in India and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY AND MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHAMMAD KHAN): (a) Details of various Soviet assisted power projects in India are given below: