

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.

[*Translation*]

Conversion of Railway Line From Lohardaga to Ranchi

2900. SHRI LALIT ORAON: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to convert the metre gauge line linking the Lohardaga with Ranchi in Bihar into broad gauge line; and

(b) if so, the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MAL-LIKARJUN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

[*English*]

Setting up of New Refineries

2901. SHRI SUSHIL CHANDRA VERMA:
SHRI VISHWESHWAR BHAGAT:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to set up new oil refineries to meet the increasing demand;

(b) if so, the names of areas where these are proposed to be set up;

(c) whether survey work has been completed in this regard;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the Government have received requests for setting up an oil refinery, gas cracker plant and down stream units in Madhya Pradesh; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKAR-ANAND): (a) to (d). New refinery projects at Mangalore, Narimanam, Karnal and Numaligarh are at various stages of approval/implementations.

(e) and (f). There is a proposal to set up a refinery in Central India. Government of Madhya Pradesh has requested from time to time for reconsideration of the rejection of the application of Madhya Pradesh Audyogik Vikas Nigam Limited for an Industrial licence for a gas cracker complex.

[*Translation*]

Maheshwar Hydrel Project in Madhya Pradesh

2902. SHRI SUSHIL CHANDRA VERMA: Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether techno-economic approval has been accorded to the Maheshwar Hydrel Power Project in Madhya Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether this project is at present pending with the Ministry of Environment and Forests for its approval; and

(d) if so, the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. The Maheshwar