

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI H. N. BAHUGUNA): (a) and (b). Messrs Tata Chemicals Ltd. were granted a letter of intent in 1970 for setting up a fertilizer plant at Mithapur. The letter of intent was subsequently revalidated upto 31-12-1973 but the party did not proceed with the implementation of the project and the letter of intent lapsed.

Messrs Tata Chemicals Ltd. have not revived the proposal so far.

पालनपुर से डीसा के बीच स्थानीय रेलगाड़ी

4842. श्री चौधरी मोतीभाई क्या रेल मंत्री यह बतावे की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) पश्चिम रेलवे में पालनपुर से डीसा के बीच चलायी जा रही स्थानीय रेलगाड़ी कब से बन्द की गई है और इसके क्या कारण हैं ;

(ख) क्या सरकार को मालूम है कि इस रेलगाड़ी के बन्द हो जाने से इस क्षेत्र में पूरे सत्रह घण्टे तक कोई अन्न रेलगाड़ी उपनहीं है ; और

(ग) क्या लोगों द्वारा किये गये अनुरोध को देखते हुए सरकार का विचार इस रेलगाड़ी को तुरन्त फिर से चालू करने और इसे पालनपुर से महेसाना तक और डीसा से राघनपुर तक बढ़ा देने का है ?

रेल मंत्री (प्रो० मधु दंडवते) : (क) यह गाड़ी कम यातायात होने तथा मंडलीय रेल उपयोगकर्ता परामर्श समिति के परामर्श से 1-9-1976 से बन्द कर दी गयी थी ।

(ख) दो क्रमागत ट्रेनों के बीच का अन्तराल पालनपुर से 15½ घंटे का तथा डीसा से लगभग 13 घंटे का है ।

(ग) जी नहीं । इस जोड़ी गाड़ी का उपयोग कम हो रहा है इसलिए ऐसा करना सम्भव नहीं है ।

Survey for New Line to connect Koraput with Parvatipuram

4843. SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry issued the instructions to start the survey of new Railway line to connect Koraput (Orissa) and Parvatipuram (A.P.) in current financial year;

(b) if so, what are the steps taken by the department so far and the proposed financial outlay released so far; and

(c) when the survey will be started and tentative time fixed for the completion of the report for final approval?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE): (a) to (c). A Preliminary Engineering-cum-Traffic Survey for construction of a new line from Koraput to Salur/Parvatipuram has been included in this year's budget. The anticipated cost of the survey is Rs. 8 lakhs and a provision of Rs. 2 lakhs has been made for the survey for the year 1977-78. The Survey work will be taken up shortly. The target date of completion of the Survey has not yet been fixed.

Improvement of Naupada-Gunupur narrow gauge line

4844. SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what was the estimated cost proposed by the Ministry for the improvement of Naupada-Gunupur narrow gauge line (South Eastern Railway);

(b) the money spent so far for improvement of the line and allocation made for the year 1977-78; and

(c) whether complete improvement of this line will be made before the end of the Fifth Plan?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE): (a) Rs. 65 lakhs on rehabilitation of track and Bridges.

(b) Rs. 23.87 lakhs has been spent so far and an allocation of Rs. 4.70 lakhs has been made for the year 1977-78.

(c) No.