

Chemicals and Fertilizers visited U.K. at the invitation of the British Government.

Minister, Petroleum, Chemicals and Fertilizers and the Secretary of State for Energy, Government of U.K. availed of this opportunity to survey the oil development programmes and the capabilities of the two countries in the field of offshore development, petrochemicals, energy conservation and related matters.

Rail Connection between Sealdah and Hasnabad Stations

250. SHRI M. A. HANNAN ALHAJ: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether representations were received regarding direct connection of railway between Sealdah and Hasnabad stations if so, details thereof;

(b) whether it is a fact that to cover only 86 K.M. railway takes nearly 3 hours from Sealdah to Hasnabad station, a densely populated and developing area; and

(c) if so, what action has been taken upto date to connect Sealdah-Hasnabad stations for quicker service?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SHEO NARAIN): (a) Yes.

Introduction of a direct train between Sealdah and Hasnabad has been asked for and this has not been found feasible as introduction of a direct train on steam traction will reduce the line capacity on Sealdah-Barasat electrified section and also due to lack of terminal facilities at the

saturated Sealdah station.

(b) Yes.

(c) Under the existing conditions of track and traction, no fast direct service is feasible.

राज्यों की राजधानियों और केन्द्रीय राजधानी के बीच सीधी रेल सेवा

251. डा० लक्ष्मीनारायण पांडेय : क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या देश में राज्यों की राजधानियों और केन्द्रीय राजधानी की बीच सीधी रेल सेवा उपलब्ध करने की योजना के बारे में कार्य इस बीच पूरा हो गया है;

(ख) यदि नहीं, तो उन राज्यों के नाम क्या हैं जिनकी राजधानियों को केन्द्रीय राजधानी से रेलवे लाइनों द्वारा अभी जोड़ा जाना है; और

(ग) यह कार्य सम्भवतया कब तक पूरा हो जायेगा ?

रेल मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री शिव नारायण) : (क) जी नहीं ।

(ख) एक विवरण संलग्न है ।

(ग) संलग्न विवरण में दी गयी लाइनों के निर्माण शुरू करने के लिए समय-अनुसूची संसाधनों की उपलब्धता पर निर्भर करेगी ।