

(ख) यदि हां, तो खाली पड हुए वंगनों का ब्यौरा क्या है ?

रेल मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री ज्ञान नारायण) : (क) और (ख) पूर्वोत्तर रेलवे पर अगस्त-सितम्बर, 1977 के दौरान आवश्यकता से फालतू होने के कारण ग्रीसतन 5630 (मीटर लाईन) माल-डिब्बे प्रतिदिन खड़े रखे गये। जुलाई में सितम्बर तक की अवधि में हर वर्ष माल-डिब्बों की मांग में गिरावट आ जाती है जिसका कारण है दुलाई के लिए आम व्यापारिक सामान की कम प्राप्ति और मानसून। पिछले वर्ष के इन्हीं महीनों के दौरान पूर्वोत्तर रेलवे पर फालतू खड़े रखे गये माल-डिब्बों की दैनिक औसत संख्या 7382 थी।

Trombay plant of F.C.I.

1876. SHRIMATI AHILYA P. RANGNEKAR: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Trombay plant of the Fertilizer Corporation of India has been commissioned; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA): (a) and (b). Trombay IV being set up for the manufacture of nitro-phosphates is in the pre-commissioning stage and commercial production is expected by April, 1978. The Trombay V project envisaging manufacture of ammonia and urea is under implementation and is expected to be commissioned in early 1980.

Goods handling work at Hathras Quillah, Shikohabad and Firozabad Stations

1877. SHRI ISHWAR CHAUDHRY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the dates from which the Casual Labourers are performing Goods

handling work at Hathras Quillah, Shikohabad and Firozabad stations on the Northern Railway;

(b) whether the casual labourers engaged for more than six months are paid their wages according to Central Pay Commission Scales;

(c) whether it is a fact that to delay payment of Central Pay Commission Scales, the services are provided a break to prevent these porters to complete continuous six months period;

(d) whether Labour Co-operative Societies working in the area applied for allotment of work to them; and

(e) if so, by which time permanent arrangements are likely to be made there?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SHEO NARAIN): (a) to (c). Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Offer of British Government for production of Fertilizer

1878. SHRI VASANT SATHE: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the British Government have recently made any offer to India in fertiliser production recently;

(b) if so, details thereof; and

(c) the reaction of Government thereto and the decision taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA): (a) to (c). Yes, Sir. British Government have offered assistance for financing the foreign exchange cost of some of the new fertilizer projects that are proposed to be set up by the Government of India in the near future. Discussions are being held to identify the specific projects and the scope of