

Kms. long metre gauge line from Dharmnagar to Agartala in 1969-70. The examination of the survey report revealed that the line was estimated to cost Rs. 45.00 crores (at 1969 price level) and was expected to give a negative return [(-)1.52 per cent] in the 6th year of opening. An appraisal was also made separately for the first phase of this line from Dharmnagar to Kumarghat (33.5 Kms.). This portion of the line is estimated to cost Rs. 8.5 crores and to give a return of 1.48 per cent in the 6th year.

(d) Does not arise.

Bhavnagar-Tarapur Railway Line

136. PROF. P. G. MAVALANKAR
Will the Minister of RAILWAYS
be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been any material and concrete progress in the direction of the construction of the new Bhavnagar-Tarapur railway line in Gujarat;

(b) if so, full details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons for the standstill situation in this regard, and whether Government propose to take early and effective steps in the matter of construction of this said new line?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SHEO NARAIN): (a) to (c). A survey for a broad gauge railway line linking Bhavnagar with Tarapur has been completed. The proposed line will be 149.82 Kms. long and is estimated to cost approximately Rs. 33.65 crores. The construction of the line is being considered for inclusion in the Rolling Plan of the Indian Railways which is under preparation at present.

Petro-Chemical Complex at Baroda

137. PROF. P. G. MAVALANKAR:
Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Petro-chemicals complex in its entirety is expected very shortly to start functioning in full swing at Baroda in Gujarat;

(b) if so, full details thereof;

(c) the entire initial cost of the construction of the said complex; and

(d) the broad details of the articles and commodities expected to be produced annually at the said complex?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA): (a) and (b). M/s Indian Petrochemicals Corporation Ltd. were originally entrusted with the implementation of a petrochemical complex at Baroda consisting of:

(i) Aromatics Project comprising a Xylenes Complex and a DMT unit.

(ii) Olefins Project comprising a Naphtha Cracker, a Pyrolysis Gasoline hydrogenation unit, a Benzene extraction unit and a Butadiene extraction unit.

(iii) Downstream Units of the Olefins Project, namely:

1. Low Density Polyethylene
2. Polypropylene
3. Ethylene Glycol
4. Polybutadiene Rubber
5. Acrylonitrile
6. Acrylic Fibre
7. Detergent Alkylate

The different units in the Aromatics Project went into production in 1973-74.

The Olefins project and its downstream units are expected to be commissioned in a phased manner between March and July 1978.