

**Rail Bridge on the Ganges at Digha**

3162. SHRIMATI PARVATHI KRISHNAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a proposal for constructing a rail bridge on the river Ganges at Digha (Patna, Bihar) near Sadaghat Ashram is pending before the Government for the last several years;

(b) if so, what are the reasons of so much inordinate delay; and

(c) how much time the Government propose to take in finalising the scheme of the bridge?

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

(b) Technical aspects of the scheme are under study by the Central Water and Power Research Station, Khadakvasla.

(c) It will be possible to take a final decision only when the studies are finalised and it would be subject to availability of funds

**Increase in number of Platforms in Assam**

3163. SHRI AHMED HUSSAIN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal and have allocated funds to increase the number of platforms in the station of Rural and Backward areas of Assam and other parts of North Eastern Region in the near future; and

(b) if so the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SHEO NARAIN): (a) and (b). Platforms with proper surface have been provided all stations on Indian Railways. Works connected

with the improvement to the platforms such as lengthening, raising level, paving etc. are taken up by the Railway Administration on the recommendation of the Zonal Railway Users Amenities Committee with which public opinion is also associated.

Funds for Passenger Amenity Works are allotted Railway Zone-wise and not Region-wise. As such, State/Region-wise information is not available separately.

**Assistance by Soviet specialists for Drilling in Tripura**

3164. SHRI SACHINDRALAL SINGHA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any assistance has been sought from Soviet specialists for drilling a well in Tripura;

(b) if so, the details of the agreement and the commitment by the Soviet side;

(c) whether it is a fact that commitment has yet to be fulfilled;

(d) if so, the detailed reasons thereof; and

(e) the action taken up-to-date to complete the work in due time?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI H. N. BAHUGUNA): (a) The ONGC is negotiating with Soviet authorities for finalising a contract to drill a well of 4500 metres at Gojalia structure in Tripura. It is a trade deal.

(b) and (c). The contract is yet to be finalised and the negotiations are going on between the ONGC and Soviet authorities.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) Civil construction work at Gojalia has been completed. The rig

(Armco 1320 UE) has been detailed for drilling this location, Rig building has been completed. Drilling would commence shortly

**Supply of cooking gas to various places in West Bengal**

3165 DR BIJOY MONDAL Will the Minister of PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state

(a) whether Government propose to take measures to supply domestic cooking gas to various districts, cities of West Bengal,

(b) if so, the details of the measures thereof, and

(c) the action taken up-to-date in this regard?

**THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI H N BAHUGUNA)**

(a) to (c) Liquefied Petroleum Gas (cooking gas) is already being marketed in the following cities and towns of West Bengal Calcutta Budge Budge, Belgharia, Hooghly, Chandernagore/Chinsura, Bhadreswar Howrah Bally, Krishnagar, Burdwan Durgapur Asansol, Kharagpur, Hal dia, Darjeeling, Siliguri, Jalpaiguri, Raiganj, Belurghat Malda Cooch Behar Panagarh, Bolpur, Raniganj, Raybandh Chittaranjan and Barakar

It will be possible to extend LPG marketing in newer areas in West Bengal based on the availability of LPG and the following considerations —

(i) Anticipated customer potentials,

(ii) Nearness of the market from the source of supply

(iii) Availability of safe/convenient mode of transport;

(iv) Maximum utilization of distribution equipment, and

(v) Viability in operations

**Sanction of the Fertilizer Units**

3166 SHRI M A HANNAN ALHAJ Will the Minister of PETROLEUM CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state

(a) the name of the fertilizer units sanctioned up-to-date date wise,

(b) the detail of the condition of each of the unit at present,

(c) whether it is a fact that a number of units are yet to be commissioned, and

(d) if so the details of the reasons thereof unit-wise and the action taken up-to-date to commission it earlier?

**THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI H N BAHUGUNA)**

(a) and (b) A statement giving details of the major operating fertilizer units sanctioned upto date, indicating whether in production or not, is attached at statement I. The information regarding dates of sanctioning of these projects is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House. In addition there are 29 Single Super Phosphate units out of which 3 units are not in production

(c) and (d) Yes Sir A statement-II giving details of the projects under implementation is attached

The progress of implementation of the projects is monitored by the Ministry on a regular basis and necessary corrective measures are taken to reduce shippages. The reasons for shippages in commissioning some of the projects under implementation are also indicated in the statement at statement II