

than that worked out according to CCI&E's formula, yet the prices of certain other drugs like Chloroquin Phosphate, Vitamin B-6, Streptomycin etc. were fixed at a level lower than that which worked out according to that formula. The broad objective is to set off the surplus resulting from higher prices against the deficits in other cases. However, if yet surpluses do arise in the course of the year, they are utilised while fixing the prices in the subsequent years. The question of making any refund to any actual user, therefore, does not arise.

Progress of Konkan-West Coast Railway

1257. SHRI D. B. PATIL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the progress in the construction of Konkan-West Coast railway after 31st May, 1978;

(b) whether the Government of Maharashtra have promised to give land free of cost to this railway project; and

(c) if so, how much land and from which point to what point has been made available by the State of Maharashtra?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SHEO NARAIN): (a) Office of the Executive Engineer (Construction) has been opened at Panval and other officers and staff have been posted. Tenders for bottleneck works have been invited. It will be possible to start the construction work as soon as land is acquired and handed over by the Government of Maharashtra.

(b) and (c). The total requirement of land for Apta-Roha section is 335 hectares. The Railway are awaiting a formal communication from the Maharashtra Government to give the land for the project free of cost. The land is expected to be handed over to the Railway by October 1978.

Petro-Chemicals Projects on the Basis of Off-Shore Gas

1258. SHRI M. RAM GOPAL REDDY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have not so far taken any decision in regard to the Petro-chemical projects to be based on the off-shore gas; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI H. N. BAHUGUNA): (a) and (b). A number of studies are under way to work out the details of the new petro-chemical projects, which need to be set up during the Vth Five Year Plan, including those to be based on off-shore gas. A final decision will be taken only on receipt of the reports of the studies

हसनपुर और मानसी के बीच रेल लाइन

1259. श्री राम विज्ञान पारुखान : क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या हसनपुर रेलवे स्टेशन से कुणेश्वर स्थान, शहर वस्त्रो, अर्लाणी होने मानसी रेलवे स्टेशन तक वातायान को कोई व्यवस्था नहीं है ;

(ख) क्या यह इलाका सबसे अधिक पिछड़ा है ; और

(ग) यदि हाँ तो क्या सरकार का विचार हसनपुर और मानसी के बीच रेल लाइन की व्यवस्था करने का है ?

रेल मन्त्रालय में राज्य मन्त्री (श्री शिव नारायण) : (क) से (ग). मानसी और हसनपुर के बीच वातायान के लिए मीटर लाइन रेल योजना का वातायान विचार है। कुणेश्वर स्थान के समीप हसनपुर राड से मकरी तक (74.9 कि० मी०) वातायान रेल लाइन निर्माण के काम चल रहे हैं। इस पूरा हो जाने पर हसनपुर के पस्ती कुणेश्वर स्थान और मानसी के