

US Trade Mission visit for Sale of Equipments and modernising Indian Railways

1109. SHRI R. N. BARMAN:
SHRI R. P. YADAV:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any U.S. trade mission is scheduled to visit India in April, 1973 in connection with the sale of equipments for modernising Indian Railways; and

(b) if so, what are the broad outlines of the modernisation plan and estimated expenditure thereon?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MOHD. SHAFI QURESHI): (a) It was reported in the publication called "Commerce Today" of the U.S. Department of Commerce dated 8th January, 1973 that a Railway equipment Trade Mission sponsored by the Department of Commerce of USA is expected to visit India during April 1973 to promote sale of US equipment for the Indian Railways. Nothing further in this regard has however been heard.

(b) The broad outlines of the modernisation plan and estimated expenditure thereon will be available only when the Fifth Plan, which is still under consideration is finalised.

Reasons for Slow Progress in construction of Haldia Refinery

1110. SHRI INDRAJIT GUPTA:
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS पेट्रोलियम और रसायन मंत्री be pleased to state:

(a) whether progress in the construction of the Haldia Refinery has been very slow;

(b) if so, what are the reasons for the slow progress; and

(c) what steps have been taken to speed up the construction?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI DALBIR SINGH):(a) to (c). The progress of construction of the Haldia Refinery has not been very good due to various reasons. The following are among the most important reasons:

(a) Efforts have been made in the project to maximise indigenous participation in technology, equipment and material and fabrication capacities. Participation of Indian technologists and engineering organisations has been attempted in almost all the phases of development of the project.

(b) Conditions peculiar to the site, such as soil conditions, lack of communications, difficulties in obtaining construction materials etc.

(c) Labour situation at Haldia has been unsatisfactory mainly on account of the inter-union rivalries. A large number of man-hours have been lost on account of the labour un-rest.

Most of the difficulties in obtaining raw materials and fabrication of indigenous supplies have been overcome. Certain improvement in the labour situation has been obtained due to intervention of the State Government authorities. If there are no further setbacks, it is expected that the Fuel part of the Refinery may be completed by the end of 1973 and the Lube part by early 1974.

रेलवे में चतुर्थ श्रेणी के कर्मचारियों की भर्ती के नियम

1111. श्री हरी सिंह : क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) रेलवे के सभी विभागों के चतुर्थ श्रेणी के कर्मचारियों की भर्ती के लिए क्या प्रक्रिया है;