

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF IRRIGATION AND POWER (SHRI SIDDHESHWAR PRASAD): (a) and (b). The progress made on the major items of works on the Baira Siul Hydro-Electric Project and the target dates for completion, are indicated below:—

- (i) *Power House* : The excavation for the foundations has been completed and concreting work is in hand. The civil works are programmed to be completed by October, 1974.
- (ii) *Tunnels*: Out of a total length of 14920 metres of tunnels, work on 7700 metres has been taken up. Tunnel from Audit to Surge Shaft has been completed and work on Surge shaft is in hand. The tunnel from Siul weir to power house is programmed to be completed by June, 1976 and from Baira dam to Siul weir by June, 1977.
- (iii) *Penstock* : 60 per cent of the inclined work has been completed and the remaining work is programmed to be completed by March, 1974. The erection and grouting of penstocks is programmed to be completed by December, 1975.
- (iv) *Siul weir, Baledh weir and Baira Dam* : Tenders for the Siul and Baledh weirs have been invited and the works are programmed to be completed by March, 1976. The Baira Dam is programmed to be completed by October, 1977.
- (v) *Installation of generations and construction of transmission line* : The first generator unit is programmed to be installed by December, 1976 and the remaining two units by December, 1977. The transmission lines are programmed to be completed in October, 1975.

Assurance to Wireless Operators on introduction of microwave on Railways

5265. SHRI P. M. MEHTA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railway Board has assured the Wireless Operators that their interests would not be affected by the introduction of microwave on the Railways;

(b) to what extent the Wireless Operators will be affected due to the decision to introduce microwave; and

(c) what other assurances have been given ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MOHD. SHAFI QURESHI): (a) to (c). Introduction of microwave on the Railways being a gradual process it is not likely to render wireless operators surplus to any great extent. Those who may be rendered surplus will be absorbed in alternative posts and a scheme for their absorption in the Teleprinter cable with similar avenues for advancement is being prepared.

पेट्रो-रसायन यूनिटों की निर्धारित क्षमता का कम उपयोग

5266. श्री मूलचन्द हागा: क्या पेट्रो-रसायन और रसायन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या विदेशों से अधिक आयात के कारण निर्धारित पेट्रो-रसायन औद्योगिक क्षमता का कम उपयोग होता है ;

(ख) यदि हाँ, तो उन उद्योगों के नाम क्या हैं जिन्हें अपना उत्पादन सीमित करना पड़ता है; और