

(b) if so, by when?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MOHD. SHAFI QURESHI): (a) No. However, in connection with the conversion of Viramgam-Okha and Kanalus-Probandar metre gauge lines into broad gauge (including Jamnagar-Bedi and Kanalus-Sika branch lines), which is in progress and is likely to be completed by December, 1977, the existing alignment between Hapa, Jamnagar and Bedi is being diverted outside the congested areas of Jamnagar City. This is being done in view of the sharp curvature of the existing take off point from Jamnagar to Bedi which is not suitable for Broad gauge, the lack of adequate space at Jamnagar for expansion at the existing location and to avoid congested and built up areas of Jamnagar Town. A new site for the Jamnagar station is being selected. A suitable Broad Gauge connection will be given to the Bedi Port from the proposed diverted alignment.

(b) Does not arise.

Petrol consumed by Central Ministers and Ministries

6135. SHRI JYOTIRMOY BOSU: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state the quantity and value of petrol and petroleum products consumed by each Central Minister and Ministry separately, month-wise, from June, 1973 to January, 1974?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI SHAHNAWAZ KHAN): The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Fewer rates for Aluminium Industry

6136. SHRI JYOTIRMOY BOSU: Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to cut power rates for the aluminium industry;

(b) whether according to a scheme drawn up by Government, the State Electricity Boards which supply electricity to the industry, will be reimbursed their losses on this account,

(c) if so, the main features of the scheme so drawn up; and

(d) the reasons for special treatment to a particular industry?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF IRRIGATION AND POWER (SHRI SIDDHESHWAR PRASAD): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d). Do not arise.

Deterioration in Power supply in West Bengal

6137. SHRI INDRAJIT GUPTA: Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the power supply situation in West Bengal has deteriorated still further during February and March, 1974 resulting in frequent and prolonged load-shedding without prior notice;

(b) if so, the reasons for such deterioration; and

(c) the grounds on which West Bengal's power, which is in short supply, is being diverted to the Rihand Complex in Uttar Pradesh?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF IRRIGATION AND POWER (SHRI SIDDHESHWAR PRASAD): (a) and (b). It is true that West Bengal has been facing power