

(c) if so, the reaction of Government thereto and steps taken by Government to meet the demand for DMT?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI SHAHNAWAZ KHAN) : (a) and (b). Yes Sir.

(c) The Propane Compressor of the Paraxylene Plant which was air shipped to the manufacturers in West Germany, was received back at site after repairs on 25-2-74 and has since been recommissioned. With the recommissioning of the Paraxylene Plant, the DMT unit would also recommence production soon.

In the meantime efforts are being made to import as much DMT as possible to meet the demands of the users.

Drilling at Bodra in West Bengal

2711. SHRI S. N. SINGH DEO : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state :

(a) the total expenditure incurred in connection with drilling for oil at Bodra, West Bengal ; and

(b) the prospects of Bodra drilling at present ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI SHAHNAWAZ KHAN) : (a) and (b). Till 31-3-1973 a sum of Rs. 292.54 lakhs had been incurred on exploratory drilling at Bodra, West Bengal. This well had been projected to 5,000 metres but due to technical complications drilling could not be continued beyond 4,197.5 metres. Owing to unfavourable results obtained at the well drilled, no further exploratory drilling on Bodra structure has been planned by the O.N.G.C. in the near future.

Luggage Porters working on Casual Labour Rates at Howrah Station

2712. SHRI S. N. SINGH DEO : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether some persons are working at Howrah Station as luggage porters on casual labour rates against temporary sanction of the labour given from time to time ;

(b) if so, for how many years each luggage porter has been working on these rates ; and

(c) whether it is proposed to absorb them as "substitutes"?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MOHD. SHAFI QURESHI) : (a) to (c). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Remodelling of Howrah and Sealdah Stations

2713. SHRI S. N. SINGH DEO : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the present two big Railway stations—Howrah and Sealdah—are overcrowded ; and

(b) the programme undertaken by the Ministry for remodelling Howrah and Sealdah stations in the Fifth Five Year Plan ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MOHD. SHAFI QURESHI) (a) : Yes.

(b) The following surveys are in progress:—

- (1) Techno-economic survey for sectional and terminal facilities required for dealing with suburban and non-suburban traffic in Howrah and Sealdah Divisions, terminal facilities for parcel traffic for Eastern and South Eastern Railways, additional facilities for South Eastern Railway Suburban trains at Howrah, and facilities for dispersal of goods traffic from Howrah and Sealdah. The Survey Report pertaining to Howrah Station has been examined and the following works have