

**Cancellation of Trains on South Eastern Railway due to Mass Absenteeism**

2731. SHRI P. M. MEHTA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether on 8th February, 1974 several trains were cancelled by the South Eastern Railway due to the mass absenteeism by Assistant Station Master in the Andhra Division;

(b) if so, the number of trains so far cancelled and the time for which they remained cancelled, and

(c) the total loss suffered by the Railways due to the cancellation of trains during the months of January and February, 1974

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MOHD SHAFI QURESHI): (a) and (b). Due to mass absenteeism by Assistant Station Masters in the Andhra Division, 14 pairs of passenger carrying trains were cancelled from 4-2-1974 to 8-2-1974

(c) The information is being collected and will be placed on the Table of the Sabha

**Reasons for late running of Trains**

2732. SHRI P M MEHTA: Will the Minister to RAILWAYS be pleased to state whether many trains are not running according to time schedule in various parts of the country and if so, the reasons therefor ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MOHD. SHAFI QURESHI): Punctuality of some trains in the recent past has not adversely affected mainly due to and Northern India. Their punctuality has been satisfactory, particularly in Eastern various types of staff and public agitations taking place one after the other, power cuts, breaches, theft of tele-communication

wires resulting in signal and tele-communication failures, difficult coal position, increased incidence of alarm chain pulling etc.

**Diesel Drums of N.E. Railway, Lucknow seized inside Ganesh Sugar Factory Premises**

2733. SHRI PRABODH CHANDRA Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether any diesel drums belonging to the North Eastern Railway, Lucknow were seized inside the premises of Ganesh Sugar Factory, Anandnagar in Gorakhpur District, and

(b) if so, the action taken against the culprits?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MOHD SHAFI QURESHI) : (a) and (b). Yes, on 3-1-74 ten drums containing diesel oil worth about Rs. 2,000 belonging to the NE Railway were seized on a Railway tractor within the premises of Ganesh Sugar Factory, Anandnagar by Local Police, Pharenda. Five persons were arrested on the spot and one surrendered in the Court. Two cases under Section 411 IPC and 2/7 of the Essential Commodities Act were registered and are under investigation by the Police. Three railway employees involved in the case have been placed under suspension and further departmental enquiry against them is in progress

**Oil Fields in India**

2735. SHRI RAGHUNANDAN IAL BHATIA :

SHRI P. GANGADEB :

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state :

(a) the total number of oil fields in India; and

(b) steps taken by his Ministry for the quick development of the known oil fields in India?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI SHAHNAWAZ KHAN): (a) The total number of oil fields discovered in India is 33. This includes 25 oil fields of the ONGC, 3 of the Oil India and 5 of the Assam Oil Company.

(b) The drilling and production operations in the fields of ONGC and Oil India are being intensified for stepping up production from their fields. The 5 oil fields of Assam Oil Co. are the oldest in the country and the production from them is on the decline.

**Forced distribution of Diesel Oil from a Tanker on way to NABHA**

2736. SHRI RAGHUNANDAN LAI BHATIA :  
SHRI P. GANGADEB :

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state

(a) whether a tanker containing diesel oil on its way to Nabha town was stopped by farmers with empty tins on 13th February, 1974 and the driver was forced to take it to the petrol pump for distribution; and

(b) if so, the facts thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI SHAHNAWAZ KHAN): (a) and (b). It is reported that a tank lorry containing High Speed Diesel Oil was despatched by Esso from their Patiala Depot to Nabha. On the way, however, the tank lorry was stopped by a larger crowd of farmers collected at another petrol pump who requested for diesel to be issued to them since they were waiting for a long time. The District Authorities rushed to the spot and considered it proper to get the diesel oil issued on payment to the waiting farmers

from the local petrol pump of Esso. Another tank truck was subsequently arranged for Nabha.

**Impact of shortage of Furnace Oil on Bread**

2737. SHRI JAGANNATH MISHRA : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state :

(a) whether due to the shortage of furnace oil, bread is also not easily available almost in all the big cities like Delhi; and

(b) if so, the steps Government have taken in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI SHAHNAWAZ KHAN) : (a) and (b). A 10 per cent efficiency cut has been imposed on furnace oil supplies to all industries during the months of January, February and March, 1974. It is expected that this saving can be achieved by better operational efficiency and economy in the use of fuel without affecting production.

पांचवीं पंचवर्षीय योजना में सहकारी क्षेत्र में उर्वरक कारखाने की स्थापना

2738. श्री जननाथ मिश्र : क्या पेट्रोलियम और रसायन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार पांचवी पंचवर्षीय योजना के दौरान सहकारी क्षेत्र में उर्वरक कारखाने स्थापित करने के किसी प्रस्ताव पर विचार कर रही है; और

(ख) यदि हा, तो इस मस्य में राज्य-वार व्यौरा क्या है ?

पेट्रोलियम और रसायन मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री साहू नवाब खाँ) : (क) जी हाँ।

(ख) (i) महाराष्ट्र :— तारापुर में एक प्रमोनिया सोडा राख तथा प्रमोनिया क्लोराइड काम्प्लेक्स के सस्य में महाराष्ट्र को-ऑपरेटिव फर्टिलाइजर्स एण्ड कैमिकल्स को एक शास्य पस जारी किया गया।