

for the conduct of free and fair elections. The complaint received from the State of Orissa was sent to the Chief Secretary to the Government of Orissa for action with instructions to report back to the Election Commission. Report from the Chief Secretary to the Government of Orissa is awaited.

Fear of acute World Fertilizer Crisis

3758. SHRI NAWAL KISHORE SHARMA : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware of the reported acute world fertilizer crisis feared next year ;

(b) if so, the steps being taken by Government anticipating such a crisis to augment the production and meet the demand of fertilizer in the country ; and

(c) whether there is a proposal under the consideration to popularise the conventional manure to meet the demand of fertilizer in the country?

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

Commissioning of a Generator at Badarpur Thermal Power Station

3759. SHRI NAWAL KISHORE SHARMA : Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state :

(a) whether commissioning of 100 megawatt generator scheduled for July next at Badarpur Thermal Power Station has been delayed ;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps being taken by Government to ensure timely commissioning of the unit in time?

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

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Cremation of 20 Victims of Train Accident at Kathghar without Identification

3760. SHRI P. M. MEHTA :

SHRI NIHAR LASKAR :

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether 20 victims of train accident which occurred at Kathghar on the 20th February, 1974 could not be identified ;

(b) whether they were cremated without any identification; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MOHD. SHAFI QURESHI) : (a) Yes. The number of victims who could not be identified is 21 and not 20.

(b) Yes.

(c) As the faces of deceased persons had been mutilated beyond recognition on account of grievous injuries and no one had claimed the bodies, they were cremated. Identity of 6 deceased persons—5 males and 1 female—was established subsequently from the belongings and clothing collected from the bodies.

Decline in Oil Production at Ankleshwar and other Oil Fields

3761. SHRI P. M. MEHTA :

SHRI NIHAR LASKAR :

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

(a) whether Ankleshwar in South Gujarat which has so far been producing over

three million tonnes has now started reaching the limit of development ;

(b) if so, whether the oil field therefrom has started declining from this year; and

(c) if so, the facts thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI SHAHNAWAZ KHAN):

(a) to (c) Every oil field has an initial period of increasing production, another period of peak production and a third period of declining production. The Ankleshwar oil field has been on peak production for quite some time and the production therefrom has recently started declining.

Increasing Production capacity of Koyali refinery

3762. SHRI P. M. MEHTA :

SHRI CHANDULAL CHANDRAKAR :

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state whether Gujarat Koyali Refinery is increasing its production capacity of petroleum in the country and if so, the facts thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI SHAH NAWAZKHAN) : Yes, Sir. As against the designed capacity of 10,000 tonnes per year of LPG, the current production level of the Koyali Refinery is of the order of 65,000 tonnes per year, which is expected to be increased further to about 90,000 tonnes per year.

The LPG production has been increased by making LPG from Third Atmospheric Unit and Catalytic Reforming Unit gases (not envisaged in the design), augmenting storage and cylinder filling facilities and providing facilities for bulk transportation of L.P.G. in tank wagons.

Manning of Railway crossing in Kerala

3763. SHRI C. H. MOHAMED KOYA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of unmanned Railway crossings in Kerala; and

(b) the time by which these crossings will be made manned ?

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

(b) As the manning of Unmanned level crossings is taken up in consultation with the State Government/Road Authority on the merits of each case, no firm date for manning of all the Unmanned level crossings can be indicated.

Demand to Stop the Malabar Express at Parappanangadi

3764. SHRI C. H. MOHAMED KOYA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware of the demand made by the people of Parappanangadi to stop the Malabar Express train at that place; and

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto ?

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

(b) Stoppage of 29/30 Malabar Express at Parpanagadi is neither justified on traffic considerations nor desirable in the interest of keeping the fast character of these already overcrowded trains.

Railways running in loss in Kerala

3765. SHRI C. H. MOHAMED KOYA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) the Railways in Kerala are running at a loss;