

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;