

सरकार द्वारा योजनाबद्धि के दौरान कुछ किया जाना चाहिए।

Location of a Fertiliser Plant in Rajasthan

995. SHRI RAMAVATAR SHASTRI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 469 on the 28th August, 1973 regarding the request from Rajasthan Government for location of a fertilizer plant in Rajasthan and state:

(a) whether the decision regarding the establishment of a fertiliser complex in Rajasthan has since been taken; and

(b) if so, the main features thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI SHAHNAWAZ KHAN): (a) and (b). A decision regarding the setting up of a fertilizer complex in Rajasthan will be taken on receipt of firm data on the economic availability of the basic raw materials like pyrites and rock phosphate and essential utilities. The Feasibility Report on Saladipura pyrites deposits prepared by M/s. RTZ has been received. A Committee has been set up to evaluate the technical and other aspects of the development of the rock phosphate mines in Jhamarkotra Area of Rajasthan in the context of the Feasibility Report, prepared by M/s. Parsons at the instance of the World Bank.

Department of Catering Staff on North-East Frontier Railway

996. SHRI RAMAVATAR SHASTRI:
SHRI BHOLA MANJHI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the total staff strength of Department of catering, station-wise in North-East Frontier Railway;

(b) the strength of leave reserves and rest-giver staff required under the rules for the aforesaid staff in North-East Frontier Railway;

(c) whether the services of any leave reserve and rest-giver were ever utilised as per rules; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

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

Station	Number of Catering staff.
1. Katihar and New Jalpaiguri.	285 + 5 Leave Reserve + 5 Rest Givers = 38
2. Gauhati.	32 + 3 Leave Reserve + 3 Rest Givers = 38
3. Tinsukia	11 + 1 Leave Reserve + 2 Rest Givers = 14.
(b) 1. Katihar and New Jalpaiguri.	5 Leave Reserve + 5 Rest Givers.
2. Gauhati.	3 Leave Reserve + 3 Rest Givers.
3. Tinsukia.	1 Leave Reserve + 2 Rest Givers.

(c) : Yes Sir.

(d): Does not arise.

Training for Catering Staff

997. SHRI RAMAVATAR SHASTRI:
SHRI BHOLA MANJHI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways have any plan to train up the catering staff of Railways in the technical institutes of Calcutta, Delhi and Bombay, if so, the numbers of trained hands available in each Railway Catering Department and what is the future pro-

posal for detaching more catering staff for such training; and

(b) why Departmental catering has not been introduced at Katihar so far?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MOHD. SHAFI QURESHI): (a) Yes, it is proposed to train railway catering staff in suitable batches who are eligible for admission in catering institutes. The number of such trained staff on the Zonal Railways at present is as under:—

Railway	No. of trained staff
Western	29
Eastern	44
Northern	4
North Eastern	25
Northeast Frontier	38
Southern	70
South Central	9
South Eastern	5
Central	91

(b) Partial departmental catering has been introduced at Katihar. The question of extending departmental catering to more units at this station is being pursued.

Railway Catering and Passengers Amenities Committee Report, 1967

998. SHRI RAMAVATAR SHASTRI:

SHRI BHOLA MANJHI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether he has accepted the Railway Catering and Passengers' Amenities Committee Report, 1967;

(b) if so, whether the recommendation is not being implemented in all cases specially in North-east Frontier Railway; and

(c) whether North-east Frontier Railway authorities have made any efforts to improve and expand their own catering establishment and if so, what progress has been achieved in this regard?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MOHD. SHAFI QURESHI): (a) Yes; all recommendations of the Railway Catering and Passenger Amenities Committee, 1967, have been accepted except one relating to charging the cost of washable aprons to some other head of expenditure which was not accepted and the other regarding the scope of promotion for catering staff to class II level in regard to which it was decided to await the recommendations of the Third Pay Commission. This is at present under consideration.

(b) The recommendations are under implementation on all Zonal Railways including the North-east Frontier Railway.

(c) Prior to 1967, North-east Frontier Railway had three departmental catering units at Gauhati, New Jalpaiguri and Katihar. Two more units were opened at Lower Hafong in November, 1970 and at Tinsukia in March 1971 but the unit at Lower Hafong had to be closed down in December 1973 due to losses. With effect from 23rd January, 1974 a departmental snack bar has been opened at Jalukbari. The question of extending departmental catering at Katihar is also being pursued. Simultaneously various steps as recommended by the Railway Catering and Passenger Amenities Committee are being taken to improve the standard of catering on the Northeast Frontier Railway.