

Fresh Drilling of wells in Bombay High

2295 SHRI RAGHUNANDAN LAL BHATIA;
SHRI ANADI CHARAN DAS;
SHRI KRISHNA CHANDRA HALDER;
SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF:

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

(a) whether drilling began afresh on Bombay High in June, 1974 in new location;

(b) if so, whether two new wells were drilled;

(c) when the drilling of the wells is likely to be completed; and

(d) whether a final decision on the installation of production facilities with a fixed drilling-cum-production platform has been taken?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI SHAH NAWAZ KHAN): (a) No. Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

(d) The decision on installation of production facilities is expected to be taken after commercial potential of the oil field in Bombay High has been established.

Railway Facilities in Kerala

2296. SHRIMATI BHARGAVI THAKKAPPAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Kerala is the most backward State in respect of Railway facilities; and

(b) if so, what steps Government are considering to take to improve Railway facilities in that state?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MOHD SHAFI QURESHI): (a) No.

(b) The following projects are under construction/consideration in the State of Kerala:—

(i) The work of conversion of metre to broad gauge from Ernakulam to Trivandrum a distance of 221 km. at a cost of Rs. 13.60 crores is in progress and is expected to be completed by 1976.

(ii) The work of construction of a Broad Gauge line from Trivandrum to Tirunelveli via Nagercoil with a branch line to Kanyakumari falling partly in the State of Kerala at an estimated cost of Rs 14.53 crores is in progress.

(iii) A Survey has been carried out for a Broad Gauge link from Kayamkulam to Ernakulam via Alleppy in 1970. The proposed Broad Gauge link will have a length of 97.0 kms and is estimated to cost Rs 100 crores. The line has been included in the list of new railway lines proposed to be taken up in the 5th Five Year Plan for development of backward areas subject to the allotment of additional funds for this purpose by the Planning Commission.

(iv) A Preliminary Engineering-cum-Traffic Survey for a rail link from Kuttipuram to Trichur via Guruvayoor has recently been sanctioned at a cost of Rs. 86,421.

Distribution of Soap under Rationing in Capital

2297. SHRI Y. ESWARA REDDY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have a proposal to bring the distribution of soaps under rationing in the Capital; and

(b) if so, the facts thereof and the steps being taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI SHAHNAWAZ KHAN) (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise

Loan from World Bank for Trombay Fertiliser Plant

**2298. SHRI P. GANGADEB-
SHRI D. D. DESAI:**

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

(a) whether negotiations with the World Bank for credit to meet the cost of expansion of the Trombay fertilisers plant have been completed, and

(b) if so, the facts thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI SHAHNAWAZ KHAN) (a) and (b). An agreement has recently been signed with the International Development Association for Credit Assistance of \$ 50 million Out of this \$ 33 million would be utilised for Trombay Expansion IV which is going to be implemented at a capital cost of about Rs. 44 crores

Derailment of Special Goods Train carrying Coal near Jamalpur

2299 SHRI RAGHUNANDAN LAL BHATIA: Will the Minister of **RAILWAYS** be pleased to state

(a) whether a special goods train carrying coal was derailed on the 14th May, 1974 near the Jamalpur Railway Station in Monghyr,

(b) if so, causes of the accident, and

(c) whether any arrests have been made in this connection?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MOHD. SHAFI QURESHI). (a) No. However, there was a derailment on 12th May, 1974 of UP Coal Special Goods train at Ratanpur station, which is adjacent to Jamalpur station,

(b) and (c). The accident at Ratanpur was due to tampering with the track by miscreants, for which two khalasis of Jamalpur Workshop have been arrested

Supply of Essential Commodities to Railway Employees

2300 SHRI SUKHDEO PRASAD VERMA Will the Minister of **RAILWAYS** be pleased to state the time by which the scheme to supply essential commodities to the Railway Employees at subsidised rate will be introduced?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MOHD SHAFI QURESHI) Instructions have been issued to provide facilities for opening of more Fair Price Shops either through Railwaymen's Consumer Co-operative Societies or State Authorised Dealers for supply of food-grains and other essential commodities at the scale and rate that the State Government gives It is however, not proposed to supply those commodities at subsidised rates

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2301. श्री ज्ञानेश्वर प्रसाद दास :

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