

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BUTA SINGH): (a) At present only 8 trains out of the 26 scheduled trains on the Ernakulam-Quilon/Trivandrum Section and 4 out of the 20 scheduled trains on the Olavakot-Shoranpur Section remain cancelled due to shortage of coal.

(b) and (c): The required cancelled passenger trains are being progressively re-introduced with improvement in loco coal availability.

Expansion of Coastal Refineries at Bombay

**5412. SHRI P. GANGADEB:
SHRI ANADI CHARAN DAS:**

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

(a) whether any pressure has been brought on the Centre for allowing expansion of coastal refineries at Bombay or set up a new grass-root refinery;

(b) whether any decision has been taken by the Centre; and

(c) if so, broad features thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI C. P. MAJHI):

(a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c): Do not arise.

Import of Oil from Abu Dhabi

**5413. SHRI P. GANGADEB:
SHRI K. LAKKAPPA:
SHRI PURUSHOTTAM
KAKODKAR:
DR. H. P. SHARMA:
SHRI SWARAN SINGH
SOKHI:**

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

(a) whether India is to buy oil from Abu Dhabi in 1975;

(b) if so, the total quantity thereof;

(c) whether any agreement has been signed in this regard; and

(d) if so, broad features thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI C. P. MAJHI):

(a) to (d): An agreement has been reached with the United Arab Emirates for the import of one million tonnes of crude oil during 1975. It is not in the public interest to disclose the other details.

Proposal to Nationalise Digboi Refinery

5414. SHRI Y. ESWARA REDDY:

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

(a) whether Government have a proposal under consideration to nationalise the Digboi Refinery;

(b) if so, the broad features thereof and the steps being taken in this regard; and

(c) what is the capital employed at present?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI C. P. MAJHI):

(a) and (b): In line with the declared policy of acquiring effective control over the petroleum refineries and marketing companies, the Digboi Refinery will also be brought into the Public Sector at the appropriate time.

(c) As on 31-12-74, the capital employed in the Assam Oil Company was Rs. 883.25 lakhs.

Meeting of Executives of Public Sector Drug Units

5415. SHRI Y. ESWARA REDDY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state: