

(b) whether some influential sections are pressing the authorities to import locomotives from their foreign collaborators, when the Indian made electric locomotive cost, about 30 lakhs as against Rs. 50 lakhs of the imported one and whether the cut back in production of electric locos has produced a chain re-action in the Ancillary Industries?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BUTA SINGH) (a) The production capacity at CLW is presently being fully utilised within the constraints of power shortage etc. However for the ensuing financial year 1955-56, owing to limitation of plan funds, steps are being taken to diversify the activities at CLW for making full use of its production capacity.

(b) No, it is not correct to state that influential sections are pressing the authorities to import locomotives. However, to meet the requirements of locomotives of heavy duty for operation on graded hill sections of Central and South-Eastern Railways, Government is reviewing the need for suitable design heavy duty locomotives under bilateral trade agreements between the Governments of India and Czechoslovakia. No final decision has however yet been taken on this issue.

Difficulties Faced by Durgapur Chemicals Limited in getting Technical Assistance for Repairs

3784 SHRI C. M. SINHA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Durgapur Chemicals Limited is suffering from technical assistance as it is facing difficulty in getting it repaired from its foreign collaborators;

(b) whether West Bengal Government has approached the Centre in this regard; and

(c) if so, reaction of the Central Government in this regard?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI C. P. MAJHI): (a) to (c). The Chemicals Complex of M/s. Durgapur Chemicals—a West Bengal Government Undertaking—comprises of certain plants including a Phenol Plant. The Complex has not been operating satisfactorily. Efforts are being made by the State Government for rectifying the existing plants to bring about greater utilisation of the installed capacities. In connection with rectifying the defects in the Phenol Plant the West Bengal Government recently approached the Ministry of Petroleum and Chemicals for assistance in securing the services of a foreign firm. The State Government has been advised to have the work entrusted to a good Indian engineering Company with adequate experience for the purpose. If assistance from a particular foreign firm is required in any specific area, efforts may be made to obtain the same at the appropriate stage.

**बरीली से कटिहार तक (पूर्वोत्तर रेलवे)
बाइ गेज लाइन**

3785. श्री मानेश्वर प्रसाद यादव: क्या रेल

मन्त्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या पूर्वोत्तर रेलवे में बरीली से कटिहार तक एक बाइ गेज लाइन बिलाने का कोई प्रस्ताव है; और

(ख) यदि हाँ, तो इस परियोजना पर कार्य कब तक आरम्भ हो जाने की आशा है ?

रेल मन्त्रालय में उपमन्त्री (श्री कृष्ण सिंह) : (क) और (ख). बरीली-कटिहार बाइ गेज के प्रारम्भ परियोजना के लिए किये गये प्रारम्भिक इंजीनियरिंग-एवं-आवाराजात सर्वेक्षणों और वार्षिक अध्ययन की रिपोर्टों की