

Proposal to convert Pindara Road Halt into a Station

7269. SHRI RAJDEO SINGH : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Pindara Road Halt Station of Faizabad and Varanasi Section of Northern Railway is operating successfully as a halt in spite of different limitations placed by administration i.e. tickets only for distance upto 250 kilometres are issued and no important train stops there.

(b) whether keeping in view the surroundings and important bazars near it, the administration proposes to raise this halt to a full-fledged station; and

(c) whether any survey is proposed to be conducted to ascertain the need for conversion from "halt" to "station"?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BUTA SINGH): (a) Pindara Road halt station between Khalispur and Babafpur stations is working satisfactorily. In addition to two Up and two Dn passenger trains, 49 Up/50 Dn Lucknow-Howrah Express trains also stop at this halt station.

(b) and (c) No. It is found not justified financially.

Construction of acrylonitrile project of Gujarat Petro Chemicals

7270. SHRI RAJDEO SINGH: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) Whether construction work on the Acrylonitrile project one of the seven down stream projects in the Gujarat Petro Chemicals Complex, has begun at Jawahar Nagar near Baroda;

(b) Whether this is the first plant of its kind to be set up in this country;

(c) by when it is expected to be completed and commissioned; and

(d) Whether on reaching production target this will save some foreign exchange?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI C. P. MAJHI): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) As per present assessment, the project is expected to be mechanically completed by the middle of 1977 and commissioned within 3 months thereafter.

(d) At present no acrylonitrile is being imported. However, to the extent that the acrylonitrile based products will become indigenously available, the production of acrylonitrile at IPCL's plant will result in saving in foreign exchange.

Graduate quota for promotion to clerk grade Rs. 330-560 (RS) in Delhi Division (Northern Railway)

7271. SHRI RAJDEO SINGH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether 10 per cent of the vacancies in the cadre of Clerk grade Rs. 330-560 (RS) are filled up by holding a general selection test.

(b) whether no credit is being given to graduate Clerks working in the grade (Rs. 260-400) (RS) for promotion to next grade (Rs. 330-560) (RS) in Delhi Division;

(c) whether there are any Clerks grade Rs. 260-400 in Delhi Division who are under-matric and expected to be promoted to grade (Rs. 330-560); and

(d) whether there is Graduate quota in other categories too and if so, the reasons for not reserving the graduate