

Statement

Name of the country	Value of the contract awarded to the R.I.T.E.S. (Rs. in lakh)	Nature of assignment	Current Status
Syria	24-75	Preliminary feasibility-cum-cost survey together with economic study of three new railway lines— (a) Deir-Ez-Zor-Palmyra (b) Deir-Ez-Zor-Abu Kamal (c) Latakia and Tartus.	Project completed and report submitted to the Syrian Railway authorities.
Iran	21-45	Preliminary feasibility-cum-cost study of a new railway line between Kerman and Shurgav.	Project completed and report submitted to Imperial Govt. of Iran.
Iran	Cost plus overheads	Upgradation of existing line between Mirjaveh and Zahedan.	RITES' team of experts has gone there to study the line and prepare their report.
Zaire	8.7	Secondment of Railway experts and provide necessary back-up services on consultancy basis	9 experts are already functioning in Zaire and 3 more are due to leave shortly.
Ghana	6.0	Study of the existing railway system for formulation of recommendations with a view to improve the operating efficiency of maintenance standards.	6 experts are scheduled to leave for Ghana as soon as initial advance remittance is received

Phosphatic Fertilizer Plant near Mangalore Port

854. **SHRI P. R. SHENOY:** Will the Minister of **CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS** be pleased to state:

(a) whether a licence has been issued for commissioning a phosphatic fertilizer plant near New Mangalore Port;

(b) if so, the names of parties utilizing the licence; and

(c) whether permission for commissioning the plant had been refused earlier to a party on the ground that the plant would cause water pollution?

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI P. C. SETHI): (a) and (b). A letter of intent was issued in 1974 to the Karnataka State Industrial Investment

and Development Corporation for setting up phosphatic capacity at Mangalore; the letter of intent has since lapsed. Applications have been received from a private party supported by the Karnataka Government and from Mangalore Chemicals and Fertilizers Ltd. for setting up phosphatic fertilizer capacity near Mangalore and are under consideration.

(c) No, Sir.

Titanium Dioxide Pigments Project

855. **SHRI A. K. GOPALAN:** Will the Minister of **CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS** be pleased to state:

(a) whether Union Government has approved the proposal made by the Kerala Government for Titanium Dioxide pigments project; and

(b) if so, the salient features of the project?