

**Names of the members of this Council are:—**

1. Shri C. Karunakaran, Officer on Special Duty, ONGC.
  2. Dr. Hari Narain, Director, HGRI, Hyderabad.
  3. Shri M. V. A. Sastry, Director, Palaeontology and Stratigraphy Division, GSI, Calcutta.
  4. Dr. K. Naha, Prof. of Geology, Indian Institute of Technology, Kharagpur.
  5. Dr. B. K. Sahu, Prof. of Geology, Indian Institute of Technology, Powai, Bombay.
  6. Dr. S. Z. Qasim, Director, National Institute of Oceanography, NIO, Post Office, Doona Paula (Goa).
  7. Dr. B. G. Deshpande, Head of Department of Geology, University of Poona.
  8. Dr. Jagdish Shankar, Director, University Grants Commission, New Delhi.
  9. Shri S. N. Talukdar, Director, Institute of Petroleum Exploration, ONGC, Dehradun.
  10. Shri V. V. Sastri, Director (R & D), IPE ONGC, Dehradun.
- (c) No, Sir.

**New Drug Policy**

857. **SHRI RAJA KULKARNI:** Will the Minister of **CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS** be pleased to state whether Government have finalised and approved new drug policy and the role of the foreign drug companies?

**THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI P. C. SETHI):** The Hathi Committee in their report has made recommendations on the various facets of the drugs industry. Keeping in mind these recommendations and other factors, Government is in the process of framing a new drug policy which will also cover the role of the foreign drug companies.

**Survey for New Railway Lines**

858. **SHRI K. SURYANARAYANA:** Will the Minister of **RAILWAYS** be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large number of surveys are under way for new railway lines in various parts of the country; and

(b) if so, the progress of such surveys in various States?

**THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BUTA SINGH):** (a) Yes.

(b) A statement is laid on the Table of the House. [Placed in Library. See No. LT-11127/76.]

**New Railway Lines between Jagadhri and Ponta and from Jagadhri to Chandigarh**

859. **SHRI RAM PRAKASH:** Will the Minister of **RAILWAYS** be pleased to state:

(a) whether any survey has been conducted for laying railway lines between Jagadhri and Ponta and from Jagadhri to Chandigarh; and

(b) if so, amount spent on this survey and the tentative date for the commencement of the work?

**THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BUTA SINGH):** (a) Yes.

(b) The cost of the survey between Jagadhri-Ponta Sahib Rajban was Rs. 4.96 lakhs and the cost of survey between Jagadhri-Chandigarh-Ludhiana was Rs. 5.82 lakhs. Both these projects were not found to be viable on financial considerations. Due to unremunerative nature of the project and the very limited availability of resources, it is not proposed to take up the projects at present.