

[Translation]

SHRI RATILAL VARMA: Mr. Speaker, Sir, through you, I would like to tell the hon. Minister that many trains coming from all over the country stop at the Palanpur railway station which is located in north Gujarat and many things including cummin seeds (Zira) are loaded from there. Therefore, the Railways should make seating arrangements and provide potable water etc. for the convenience of the passengers. Similarly, the platform should be expanded and the length of the shed increased to cater to the needs of the large number of passengers boarding and arriving at the Station. I would like to know from the Hon. Minister, whether the railways intend to provide these facilities and if so, by when do they propose to make them available?

[English]

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF): The existing arrangement is sufficient to take care of the traffic available. If the Hon. Member says that there is much more, we will get a traffic survey made.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

[Translation]

Gas Based Power Plants in Haryana

*408. **SHRI RAM PRAKASH CHAUDHARY:** Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to set up gas-based power plants in Haryana;

(b) if so, the names of places where these are proposed to be set up and the production capacity of each; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). The National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC) proposes to set up a Gas based power project at Faridabad, Haryana, with a capacity of 800 MW.

[English]

Old Projects behind Schedule

*409. **SHRI VIRENDRA SINGH: SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN:**

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the names of projects in oil exploration, production, refining and marketing, separately, which were lagging behind schedule;

(b) the estimated cost of each project;

(c) the cost escalation as a result of delay in implementation of these projects; and

(d) the steps taken to speed up the work of these projects?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKAR-ANAND): (a) to (c). Following projects approved by Government are delayed and their cost overruns due to various factors including delay are as follows:-

(Rs. in Crores)

Name of the Project		Approved cost	Total cost over-run
	1	2	3
(A) Exploration	Nil		
(B) Production			
	1. Addl. oil recovery project of Bombay High South	781.54	Nil
	2. Addl. Development of Bombay High North	218.22	24.28
	3. BH 22 Development	76.49	40.48
	4. BH 25 Development	74.96	27.70
	5. B 57 Development	76.03	23.65
	6. B 131 Development	52.14	26.95
	7. Gas Lift Scheme	561.30	Nil
	8. Panna Development	1166.73	Revised FR under sub-mission

(Rs. in Crores)

Name of the Project		Approved cost		Total cost over-run	
	1	2	3		
(C) Refining	9. Gas Sweetening Plant Phase II	204.65	55.52		
	10. Gandhar Development	326.68	Nil		
	11. Neelam Development	2022.20	No revised cost appraisal has been done.		
	12. L-II Development	1066.24	—do—		
	13. Gujarat Hydro-cracker Project	635.00	RCE under process.		
	14. Digboi Modernisation	143.74	—do—		
	15. Captive Power Plant at Visakh	42.90	—do—		
	16. Lube base Stock Augmentation Facilities	181.23	Nil		

(Rs. in Crores)

Name of the Project		Approved cost	Total cost over-run
1		2	3
(D)	Marketing		
	17. New Oil Terminal at Cochin	71.63	Nil
	18. Kandla -Bhat-India Pipeline	917.55	Nil

(d) Various steps including close monitoring, follow up and corrective action are taken.

[Translation]

Blackmarketing of Railway Tickets in Bombay

*412. SHRI RAM YADAV: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether blackmarketing in reservation of tickets is going on at Bombay Central, Bombay VT and Kalyan railway stations;

(b) if so, the number of raids conducted at the said stations during the last three years;

(c) the number of persons arrested and the action taken or proposed to be taken against them; and

(d) the steps being taken to check blackmarketing of tickets there?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) Some touts indulging in malpractices, mostly in busy seasons, have come to notice.

(b) During the last three years, 199 raids were conducted.

(c) 1410 persons were apprehended during the raids and most of them were prosecuted.

(d) The measures being taken by the Railways include computerisation of reservation, increasing the frequency of checks and raids, vigorous publicity campaign through different media and making the legal provisions more deterrent.

[English]

Ticketless Travel

*413. SHRI AMAL DATTA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have made any assessment of the number of passengers travelling without tickets in the suburban services of Calcutta and Howrah;

(b) if so, the details of the assessment made and the field studies on which this is based; and

(c) the steps taken or proposed to be taken to prevent ticketless travel?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) and (b). While the extent of ticketless travel on the suburban sections of Calcutta area is not quantifiable, regular checks to detect irregular travel are being made to contain this unsocial practice.

(c) The measures taken to curb ticketless travel include surprise/magisterial checks from time to time, publicity campaigns through different media and deterrent penalties incorporated in the new Railways Act.

Rajdhani Express from Delhi to Madras

*414. SHRI C. K. KUPPUSWAMY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the North-South route linking Delhi and Madras has been fully electrified;

(b) if so, whether there is any proposal to introduce Rajdhani Express from Delhi to Madras;