

power sector as well as the prospects of further lending were generally reviewed.

Doubling of Tumkur-Bangalore Railway Line

5539. SHRI C.P. MUDALAGIRIYAPPA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is heavy traffic between Tumkur and Bangalore; and

(b) if so, whether there is any scheme to double this route?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MAL-LIKARJUN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Oil Refinery in West Bengal

5540. SHRI CHITTA BASU: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to set up a grass roots oil refinery in West Bengal; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken so far in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI S. KRISHAN KUMAR): (a) There is no such proposal at present.

(b) Does not arise.

Completion of Metro and Circular Railway in Calcutta

5541. SHRI CHITTA BASU: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have since fixed up a time schedule for the completion of Metro Railway and Circular Railway in Calcutta;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MAL-LIKARJUN): (a) to (c).

(i) Metro Railway:

Completion schedule of this project depends upon acquisition of the remaining plots of land by the State Govt. and availability of funds in the coming years.

(ii) Circular Railway:

Calcutta Circular Railway from: Dum Dum to Princep Ghat has already been completed and commissioned for traffic on 17-6-90.

Doubling of Track Line Between Barasat and Duttapukur

5542. SHRI CHITTA BASU: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the pace of implementation of doubling of the track between Barasat to Duttapukur and in the Sealdah-Bongaon Section has remained very slow, even after necessary budgetary allocations;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken to expedite the implementation of the project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MAL-LIKARJUN): (a) The progress as on 30th