

Closure of refractory units in Bihar

8646. SHRI A.K. ROY: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the refractory units closed or stopped production in Dhanbad district of Bihar;

(b) the capital blocked, number of workers unemployed as on 1 April, 1990 with facts in details;

(c) the reasons for closure of the factories;

(d) whether there is any fall in demand for refractory brick, and other potter materials;

(e) if so, the details thereof;

(f) whether Union Government propose to take steps to cure the sickness of the vital industry of Bihar; and

(g) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI AJIT SINGH): (a) Government are not aware of any refractory unit in organised sector closed or having stopped production in Dhanbad District of Bihar.

(b) and (c). Do not arise

(d) to (g). Refractory industry has been facing demand recession mainly because of shift of user industries like steel, cement, fertilisers, petrochemicals etc. from conventional refractories to sophisticated refractories, leading to about 50% capacity utilisation. Government is allowing induction of the latest know-how for upgradation to technology in this industry.

Railway Claims Tribunal at Meerut

8647. SHRI GOVINDBHAI KANTIBHAI SHEKHADA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are persistent demands to set up a third railway claims tribunal in the State of Uttar Pradesh at Meerut for the convenience of the public; and

(b) if so, the action proposed to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) At present, there is no proposal to create any additional Bench of the Railway Claims Tribunal.

[Translation]

Conversion of Sheopur-Bhind N.G. Line and Construction of B.G. line From Etawah to Kota

8648. SHRI CHHABIRAM ARGAL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether survey for conversion of narrow gauge line into broad gauge line from Sheopur to Bhind has since been completed;

(b) whether Government also propose to construct broad gauge rail line from Etawah to Kota after extending it from Bhind to Etawah and Sheopur to Kota; and

(c) if so, the details of progress made in this regard and the time by which this work will be completed?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) and (b). Gwalior-Bhind NG section is proposed to be

converted to BG as part of Guna-Gwalior-Etawah new line project which has since been approved. A survey for conversion of Gwalior-Sheopur Kalan NG line to BG and its extension to Kota has been approved in 1989-90.

(c) Work is in progress on Guna-Gwalior section, Guna-Kolaras has been opened. Completion would depend upon availability of resources in the coming years.

[English]

LPG Agencies in Andhra Pradesh

8649. SHRI M.M PALLAM RAJU: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) the places in Andhra Pradesh identified for locating LPG agencies and the number of people who are expected to be covered at each of these places; and

(b) the likely year by which these new LPG agencies are expected to start functioning?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M.S. GURUPADASWAMY): (a) Currently, there are 15 proposals for establishing LPG distributorships in Andhra-Pradesh as per details given in the attached statement. New LPG connections are released in a phased manner under the annual programme for enrolment of customers, subject to the ceiling fixed for the distributors, depending on the population.

(b) In view of the various steps preceding commissioning of LPG distributorships, it will not be possible to indicate the exact time by when these will be commissioned.

STATEMENT

The names of Locations in Andhra Pradesh where new LPG distributorships have been proposed.

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1. Gopalapatnam
 2. Ganappavaram
 3. Hyderabad (2 Distributorships)
 4. Srikakulam
 5. Vijayawada (2 Distriibutorships)
 6. Alwal
 7. Cudur
 8. Pattancheru
 9. Piduguralla
 10. Bheemavaram
 11. Tirupathi
 12. Nalagonda
 13. Koyalagudem

Total : 15 Distributorships.

Close Circuit T.Vs. at Railway Stations

8650. SHRI A. VJAYARAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of Railway Stations having the close circuit T.V. facilities;

(b) the other stations where close circuit T.V. system is going to be introduced in 1990-91; and