

की जा रही अनियमितताओं की शिकायतें की हैं; और

(ब) यदि हां, तो ये शिकायतें किस प्रकार की हैं?

रेल मंत्रालय में उपमंत्री (श्री सरदार बूटा सिंह) : (क) से (ब) जी हां।

(ब) शिकायतें ठेकों को उप-ठेके पर देने सहकारी समितियों को ठेकों का आबंटन न करने और कुछ ठेकेदारों द्वारा बिक्री कम दिखलाये जाने के बारे में थी।

#### Special Trains to Link Delhi with Metropolitan Cities

\*639. SHRI RAM HEDAOO: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to introduce special rail services, with reduced running time, linking Delhi with the metropolitan cities of the country,

(b) if so, the particulars thereof; and

(c) what special measures have been adopted to ensure more accommodation for the ordinary second class passengers?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS: (SHRI BUTA SINGH) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Subject to traffic offering, during the ensuring summer season a total of about 13 pairs of holiday special trains between New Delhi and Madras, 7 pairs between Bombay Central and Jammu Tawi via New Delhi and a pairs between Bombay Central and New Delhi are proposed to be run to clear the extra rush of traffic. New Delhi-Madras and Bombay Central-Jammu Tawi specials will run once a week. All these specials will be hauled by diesel engines and run to fast timings,

(c) These specials will have 9 second class coaches each in addition to second-class luggage and brake vans.

#### Setting up of Coal-Based Fertilizer Plants in 1975-76

\*640. SHRI K. LAKKAPPA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any scheme for setting up coal-based fertilizer plants in the country during 1975-76.

(b) if so, the salient features thereof; and

(c) the location of plants being set up in Karnataka and the amount earmarked for the purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI K.R. GANESH) : (a) and (b) : Three large sized coal based fertilizer plants are currently under implementation at Ramagundam, Talcher and Korba. Each of these plants would have a capacity for the manufacture of 228,000 tonnes for nitrogen per annum and would require about 1 million tonnes of coal each per annum. The fertilizer programme under the Fifth Five Year Plan does not envisage the setting up of any additional capacity based on coal in the public sector.

(c) A fertilizer plant with a capacity for the manufacture of 160,000 tonnes of nitrogen per annum is in an advanced stage of construction at Mangalore, in the private sector. The project is based on naphtha as feedstock. The project is estimated to cost about Rs 68 crores.

#### Measures adopted to prevent Ticketless Travellers at Patna Station

\*641. SHRI N. E. HORO: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether additional measures to prevent ticketless travellers from entering Patna Railway station have been taken;

(b) whether special barricade has been constructed all along the 20 miles stretch of up and down railway track from Patna; and

(c) if so, the amount of expenditure involved?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BUTA SINGH) : (a) Apart from normal measures to man the gates and check tickets by the ticket checking staff no additional measures have been taken by the Railways.

(b) No such special barricade has been constructed by the Railways.

(c) Does not arise.

#### Import of Sulphuric Acid

\*642. SHRI DALIP SINGH: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state the extent of Foreign Exchange involved in importing Sulphuric Acid at present and how much Government estimate to save if the recommendations of the Survey of Saladipura Pyrite Project are implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI K. R. GANESH): While commercial grade sulphuric acid is not imported, the sulphur required for the manufacture of sulphuric acid in India is imported. According to the feasibility report prepared by Pyrites, Phosphates & Chemicals Ltd., the pyrites deposits at Saladipura could sustain a sulphuric acid plant with a capacity for the manufacture of 6 lakh tonnes per annum. The foreign exchange saving in the use of pyrites instead of sulphur for the manufacture of sulphuric acid, in terms of the present cost of sulphur required for the manufacture of 6 lakh tonnes per annum of sulphuric acid would be about Rs. 15 crores.

#### Permitting M/s. Merck Sharp and Dohme to Import Raw Materials

\*643. SHRI K.M. MADHUKAR: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to permit Merck Sharp and Dohme, a foreign company to import basic raw materials from its principal to be used in making formulation;

(b) if so, the broad features and reasons therefor; and

(c) whether any of the Indian companies had proposal for the manufacture?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI K. R. GANESH): (a) and (b) M/s. MSD(I) are the largest manufacturers of formulations of Methyl Dopa and Indomethacin etc. Aldomet and Inocid Capsules. Import of these two bulk drugs was cancelled through the STC from 1973-74.

M/s. Merck, Sharp and Dohme have not accepted these two bulk drugs imported by Govt. through STC from rupee areas, on the ground that in these cases they would use only the bulk drugs made by their principals. A number of doctors have written about the shortages arising and the importance of ensuring adequate availability of these drugs. In order to alleviate the shortages of the said two essential life saving drugs, Government have agreed to import some quantities of these drugs through STC from the principals of M/s. Merck, Sharp and Dohme in USA. Indian Drugs and Pharmaceuticals Ltd. have also been asked to take up similar formulations of Methyl Dopa and Indomethacin which would become available by June 1975. STC will import Methyl Dopa from Hungary and Indomethacin from Poland for the IDPL and others. Only small quantities for the interim period as a stop-gap arrangement have been permitted to be imported from the principals of M/s. MSD. Meetings were held with the representatives of IDPL and of the Indian sector of the drug industry so that they come up quickly with formulations of these two drugs.

(c) The following proposals have been approved for the manufacture of the bulk drugs and their formulations:

#### I. Methyl Dopa—

1. M/s. Suneeta Laboratories
2. I. D. P. L.
3. M/s. Themis Chemicals Ltd.

#### II. Indomethacin—

1. I.D.P.L.
2. Themis Chemicals Ltd.

#### Electrification work on DBK Railway line

\*644. SHRI K. PRADHANI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the progress of electrification work on D. B. K. Railway line;

(b) when is it going to be completed; and

(c) what is the total amount spent so far on this work?