

Direct Train Service from West Bengal to Tripura via Bangladesh

*82. SHRI DASARATHA DEB: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any agreement has been reached between Government of India and Government of Bangladesh to open direct train service from West Bengal to Tripura via Bangladesh; and

(b) if not, whether Government propose to take up this matter again with the Government of Bangladesh?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MOHD. SHAFI QURESHI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) The matter of transport of goods from India to Tripura via Bangladesh is under examination.

New Modern Unit of F.C.I.

*86. SHRI GAJADHAR MAJHI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have approved setting up of a new modern unit of Fertilizer Corporation of India; and

(b) if so, the main features thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI SHAHNAWAZ KHAN): (a) and (b). The Fertilizer Corporation of India is implementing several plants based on modern technology and processes. A new public sector Corporation is also proposed to be set up to take care of the three projects in the north-western region..

Generation of Power at Kalinadi Hydro-Electric Project

*90. SHRI B. V. NAIK: Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount of power that will ultimately be generated at the Kalinadi-Hydro-Electric project;

(b) the proportion of power that will be utilized by Karnataka; and

(c) the names of the other recipient States indicating the proportion to be received by them?

THE MINISTER OF IRRIGATION AND POWER (SHRI K. C. PANT):

(a) to (c). The total amount of power that may ultimately be generated at the Kalinadi Hydro Electric Project is 4.112 million kWh per year in stage-I and 1.121 million kWh. per year in Stage-II. Out of these, only the Stage-I has been finalised and taken up for implementation so far and all the energy generated therefrom is likely to be utilised in Karnataka to meet its requirements of load growth. The proposals for Stage-II of the Project are still under examination and, for these, the possibility of the neighbouring States of Tamil Nadu and Maharashtra sharing the cost as well as the benefits is also being examined.

Token strike by O. & N.G.C. Officers

*91. SHRI K. LAKKAPPA;
SHRI N. SHIVAPPA:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether in December last officers of Oil and Natural Gas Commission resorted to any token strike observing "solidarity day" to press their demands; and