

as against development of more backward regions if the oil and gas are routed through Diu-Viramgam?

#### Fertilizer Plants in Rewa

\*401. SHRI C. K. CHANDRAPAN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are likely to have second thoughts on the two giant sized fertilizer plants proposed to be set up at Rewa; and

(b) if so, the details and reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

#### Conversion of Bangalore-Mysore line into Broad Gauge

\*402. SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a survey was conducted by his Ministry for the conversion of Bangalore-Mysore railway line into broad gauge;

(b) if so, whether it is also a fact that the earlier surveys were not favourable but the latter ones had indicated better traffic potential; and

(c) if so, the details regarding the final policy of Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SHEO NARAIN): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir.

(c) No decision has yet been taken on the construction of the project.

#### जयपुर और उदयपुर के बीच सुपर एक्सप्रेस गाड़ी चलाने का प्रस्ताव

\*403. श्री लालजी भाई: क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार उदयपुर में पर्यटन के महत्व को देखते हुए जयपुर और

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA): (a) After very careful consideration, taking all techno-economic etc. aspects into account, the decision arrived at has been that the most cost effective and suitable alignment for the pipelines for transportation of Bombay High and North Bassein crude oil and associated gas is via Bassein and Uran to Trombay and detailed cost estimates were worked out for this alignment only. As per latest estimates, the cost of the pipelines upto Trombay is expected to be of the order of Rs. 184 crores exclusive of customs duties, engineering and construction supervision. About 50 per cent of this cost is apportionable to the oil pipeline.

(b) The crude oil is to be processed in the coastal refineries namely Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited, Cochin Refineries Limited and Caltex Limited as well as in the inland refineries at Koyali and Mathura. An alternative alignment of the oil pipeline would not alter the proposed allocation of the Bombay High crude oil to the refineries. The most expeditious utilisation of gas is in the manufacture of nitrogenous fertilizer at the Trombay units of the Fertilizer Corporation of India (FCI) and in two fertilizer plants to be set up south of Bombay. A project study has been undertaken for the laying of a submarine gas pipeline from South Bassein to Gujarat, which on its way, will be inter-connected with the gas pipeline from Bombay High so that the flow of associated as well as non-associated gas towards Maharashtra and Gujarat can be regulated according to the requirements of the two States. In undertaking this study, the need to avoid concentration of industries in any one area has been kept in view.