

Kandla-Bhatinda Petroleum Pipeline Project

*84. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA:†

SHRI YASHWANT SINHA:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to refer to the answer to Starred Question 89 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 19th March, 1990 and state:

(a) whether Government have since taken a decision in regard to the Kandla-Bhatinda petroleum pipeline project; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY): (a) No, Sir. The proposal for laying a pipeline from Kandla to Bhatinda is still under consideration of Government and a final decision is yet to be taken.

(b) Does not arise.

SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Sir, this question was asked and answer given in March. The purpose of asking the question again was that there has been a Press report that the Government has taken a decision. A lot of details have been given in the Press report. Sir, since the Minister says that a decision has not yet been taken, I cannot ask a supplementary on the details. I request the Minister to let us know when a decision will be taken or let the House know what are the broad parameters decided upon by the Government. Even before the final decision is taken, the press has come out with a lot of details. I thought the Minister would take us into confidence and enlighten us on this.

SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY: Briefly, may I say, Sir, that we the Ministry have proposed to lay a

†The question was actually asked on the floor of the House by Shri Kamal Morarka.

pipeline between Kandla and Bhatinda, and the distance to be covered is 1331 KMs and the total investment to be made on this project will be Rs. 917.55 crores, and it has a foreign exchange component of Rs. 204.54 crores? Sir, we have prepared a note for CCEA for its approval.

SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Sir, my second supplementary is that after the decision is taken, what is the time frame during which this pipeline would be completed and become functional in view of the importance of the pipeline. Sir, Kandla-Bhatinda pipeline is a very important pipeline for the people of Punjab. So, if the decision itself is taking so long, how much time has he envisaged in which to complete the pipelines?

SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY: Sir, this is a very important pipeline. This will be included in the Eighth Plan. And the normal period taken for the execution of the pipeline will be about 40 months or 42 months.

SHRI YASHWANT SINHA: Sir, it is my information that apart from this pipeline from Kandla to Bhatinda, the Railways have also a proposal to convert the metre-gauge line into broad-gauge line and extend it to Bhatinda. Now, what I would like to know from the Minister is whether a comparative study of the density of traffic on this route be covered by the pipeline, and whether they have definitely come to the conclusion that even the conversion of this railway line into a broad-gauge line and extension upto Bhatinda will not be able to cater to the requirements of traffic which is supposed to be covered by the pipeline, and whether a cost benefit analysis of the pipeline project and the railway project and a comparative study has also been made, and it is only after that that the Government has come to the conclusion that in addition to the strengthening of the railway system, a pipeline is also necessary.

SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY: Sir, the Project Appraisal Division of the Planning Commission has made a study of this pipeline, and the Ministry has also made a study. They have come to the conclusion that this pipeline is most economic to transport petroleum products. Secondly, Sir, north-west region of the country is very important; nearly 38 per cent of petroleum products is consumed in this region. Therefore, there is a case for a pipeline to be laid, and there is also a case for the railway-line to be converted from metre-gauge to broad-gauge. There is enough traffic available, Sir, for both.

SHRI G. Y. KRISHNAN: Sir, may I know from the hon. Minister whether there is any proposal for such R & D units in the South, in Tamil Nadu as well as in Karnataka?

SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY: Sir, the supplementary does not arise out of the question.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Why?

SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY: Sir, he is asking about R & D. This does not arise out of this question. This is about pipeline.

SHRI S. VIDUTHALAI VIRUMBI: Sir, like the Kandla-Bhatinda pipeline, there is this Southern gas grid project. The Government of Tamil Nadu urged the Central Government to implement the Southern gas grid project to enable the establishment of a variety of petro-chemical investments in the State. I want to know from the hon. Minister whether there is any definite proposal with the Government to expedite immediately the Southern gas grid project utilising the technology available with us at present. It is very important for the Southern people.

SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY: This may be important. It also concerns my Ministry. But this has nothing to do with the main question.

MR. CHAIRMAN: I know.

SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY: The main question is about the Kandla-Bhatinda pipeline whereas he is asking about the Southern gas grid.

SHRI S. VIDUTHALAI VIRUMBI: Will it be included in the Eighth Plan? This much information I want.

MR. CHAIRMAN: It does not arise out of the main question. Question No. 85.

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* 85. डा. अब्दुल अहमद खान : क्या स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री 19 मार्च, 1990 को राज्य सभा में अतारंकित प्रश्न 658 के दिए गए उत्तर को देखेंगे और यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) देश के किस-किस संस्थान और अस्पताल में गुर्दा प्रत्यारोपण के ऑपरेशन किए जाते हैं और इसके लिए कितना शुल्क लिया जाता है ;

(ख) क्या केन्द्रीय सरकार द्वारा इस प्रयोजन के लिए सरकारी और गैर-सरकारी अस्पतालों और संस्थानों को कोई लाइसेंस दिया जाना है ; और

(ग) यदि नहीं, तो इनके क्या कारण हैं ?

ऊर्जा मंत्री साथ में नागर विमानन मंत्रालय का अतिरिक्त प्रभार (श्री आरिफ मोहम्मद खान) : (क) और (ग) एक विवरण सभा पटल पर रख दिया गया है । (नीचे देखिये)

(ख) जी, नहीं ।
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(क) उपलब्ध सूचना के अनुसार गुर्दा प्रत्यारोपण कर रही प्रमुख संस्थाएँ हैं :—

1. स्नातकोत्तर आयुर्विज्ञान शिक्षा एवं अनुसंधान संस्थान, चण्डी-गढ़ ।