

Press comments regarding the Hindustan Organic Chemical's proposal to manufacture Para Nitro Phenol (PNP); and

(b) whether it will affect adversely the capacity of small industries?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI H. N. BAHUGUNA): (a) and (b) M/s. Hindustan Organic Chemicals Limited are putting up a plant of 500 tonnes/annum of Para Nitro Phenol (PNP) based on indigenous process. This will not affect the units in the small scale sector as demand estimates indicate that there is sufficient scope for the existing small scale units as well as the Hindustan Organic Chemicals' plant.

Demands of the railwaymen

66. SHRI ARVIND GANESH KULKARNI :
SHRIMATI LEELA DAMO-
DARA MENON :
SHRIMATI USHI KHAN :
SHRI T. BASHEER :
SHRI GURUDEV GUPTA :

Will the Mi'nistef of RAILWAYS be pleased to refer to the answer to Starred Question 6 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 24th April, 1978 and state:

(a) whether any final decision has been taken on the various demands pressed by the railwaymen in their Charter of Demands and if so, what are the details thereof; and

(b) whether any final decision has been taken with regard to the railwaymen's claim for bonus?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SHEO NARAIN): (a) and (b) An annexure detailing the decisions taken on the demands submitted by the National Federation of Indian Railwaymen and the AU India Railwaymen's Federation is attached. [See Appendix CVI, Annexure No. 15].

Construction of new railway line in backward areas of Maharashtra

67. SHRI ARVIND GANESH KULKARNI :
SHRIMATI LEELA DAMO-
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Will the Mi'nistef of RAILWAYS be pleased to state the number of new railway lines proposed to be taken up for construction in the backward areas of Maharashtra during the Sixth Five Year Plan period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SHEO NARAIN): The list of new railway lines proposed to be taken up for construction in the backward areas of Maharashtra during the Sixth Plan has not yet been finalised. A new policy regarding construction of railway lines in backward areas of the country is under consideration of the Government at present. Pending finalisation of the new policy, construction of a new broad gauge line from Apta to Roha (62 Kms.) has been included in the Budget for 1978-79.

Pilferage and damage charges paid by the Railways

68. SHRI ARVIND GANESH KULKARNI :
SHRIMATI USHI KHAN :

Will the Mi'nistef of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of (i) pilferage, and (ii) damage charges paid by the Railway during 1975-76, 1976-77 and 1977-78; and

(b) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to instal electronic security system to prevent pilferage of goods on the railways?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SHEO NARAIN): (a) A statement is attached.