

SHRI NRIPATI RANJAN
CHOUDHURY :

SHRI NAVIN CHANDRA BURAGOHAIN :

DR. RAJAT KUMAR CHAKRABARTI :

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the feasibility report for the second phase of expansion of the Namrup Fertilizers Plant has been submitted to the Planning Commission for approval; and

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

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI P. C. SETHI) : (a) and (b) The feasibility report for the second phase of expansion project of Namrup Fertilizer Factory is under preparation by F.C.I.

Diesellisation on Railways

*263. SHRI IBRAHIM KALANIYA :
SHRI JAGDISH JOSHI :

SHRI KHURSHED ALAM
KHAN :

SHRI N. K. BHATT :

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to slow down the pace of dieselisation of the Railways; and

(b) what is Government's policy in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MOHAMMAD SHAFI QURESHI) : (a) and (b) As production of locomotives in

the country is confined to diesel and electric locos, dieselisation of services will continue to increase in future.

RBI's suggestions for improvement in Railway

*264. SHRI GOVINDRAO RAMCHANDRA MHAISEKAR : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have examined the suggestions made by the Analysis Division of the Economic Department of the Reserve Bank of India for improvement of the financial position of the Railways which are not having sufficient budgetary surplus this year to pay interest on the loans borrowed from the General Revenues, and

(b) if so, what steps Government propose to take for implementing these suggestions ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SARDAR BUTA SINGH) : (a) and (b) A statement is laid on the table of the Sabha.

Statement

(a) and (b) The Article published in the March '76 Bulletin of the Reserve Bank of India is only an analytical study of Railway Budget 1976-77. It acknowledges the operating efficiency achieved by the Railways in the recent months and concludes that the steps being taken by the Railways such as scientific inventory control, better utilisation of rolling stock, measures to stop theft and pilferages of Railway property and steps to effectively reduce ticketless travel and unbooked luggage would eventually be reflected in improved working results. Action on these items is already being pursued vigorously.