

(c) the reaction of Government thereto?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SARDAR BUTA SINGH): (a) Yes.

(b) and (c) Three new projects falling in Madhya Pradesh having total cost of Rs. 5.24 crores have been in-

cluded in the Budget for 1974-75 and the work on them will be taken up shortly. An outlay of Rs. 55.25 lakhs has been proposed in 1974-75 on these works. A number of other schemes having considerable employment potential are also in progress in that State. Details of important new work* and works in progress in Madhya Pradesh is given as per the attached statement.

Statement			
Works in progress in Madhya Pradesh			
Description	Length in crores	Cost (Rs. in crores)	Outlay in 74-75 (Rs. lakhs)
New works approved in 1974-75			
1. Raipur-expansion of Wagon Repair Shop . . . . .	..	4.08	45.25
2. New Katni Yard Remodelling . . . . .	..	.74	5.00
3. Junnardeo Yard Remodelling . . . . .	..	0.42	5.00
			55.25
Works in progress			
1. Broad Gauge line from Guna to Maksi	193.35	10.51	58.00
2. Doubling from Nagda to Ramganj Mandi (Partly in Madhya Pradesh)	153.00	12.58	
3. Doubling of Basai-Matatila and Gher-Retampur Section	13.54	5.74	20.00
4. Doublings in Bina-Katni Section	119.00	10.19	281.00
5. Electrification of Rourkela-Durg Section . . . . .	..	21.68	70.00
6. Provision of rail facilities at Bachel . . . . .	..	4.21	98.50
7. Provision of flyover at Bina . . . . .	..	1.03	40.60
8. Itarsi Yard-additional facilities . . . . .	..	1.01	30.00
			729.35

Hunger-strike by discharged staff

16. SHRI SANAT KUMAR RAHA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of discharged staff of the South Eastern Railway;

(b) whether it is a fact that the discharged staff went on relay hunger strike at Santragachi demanding re-employment; and

(c) whether Government propose to re-employ all the discharged staff?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SARDAR BUTA SINGH): (a) The services of about 4850 casual labour/substitutes got discontinued because they took part in an illegal strike and they had to be deemed as discharged. In addition 2100 permanent and temporary staff of South Eastern Railway had also been removed/dismissed or had their services terminated.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) About 3050 casual Labour/substitutes have been re-engaged. In addition on consideration of appeals, about 1250 permanent and temporary employees have already been put back to duty. Further appeals are under consideration.

Setting up off Chemical and Drug Plants

17. SHRI MONORANJAN ROY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to set up any new chemical and drug plants in the public sector in the country during the year 1974-75; and

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

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI K. R. GANESH), (a) and (b). The details of the new chemical and drug plants to be set up in the public sector under the Ministry of Petroleum and Chemicals during the year 1974-75 are as follows:—

Name of the Unit	Product and capacity
Bhatintla Fertilizer	900 tonnes of Ammonia per day
Pioject of National Fertilizers Limited.	1550 tonnes of Urea per day.

18. [Transferred to the 9th November, 1974]

Waiting List for Allotment of Liquified Petroleum Gas in Delhi

19. SHRI SHYAMLAL GUPTA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of persons are on the waiting list for allotment of liquified petroleum gas in Delhi;

(b) if so, the number of persons registered with the different cooking gas producers till the end of October, 1974;

(c) the average time taken by the producers to supply the gas after registration; and

(d) what steps Government propose to take to ease the situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI K. R. GANESH): (a) and (b)'. Number of persons registered upto 31-10-74 for allotment of new In-dane connections in Delhi is approximately 74,500. Other companies are not registering new customers in Delhi for gas connections. However, Hindustan Petroleum Corporation has a waiting list of about 400 persons who have been transferred to Delhi from other Stations.

(c) Time taken for allotment of gas connection cannot be uniformly determined as it will vary from distributor to distributor and location to location depending upon the total demand in a particular area, commissioning of new distributorships/ dealerships in that area.

(d) Steps are being taken to improve the availability of LPG cylinders and increase production of LPG at Koyali refinery. LPG will also be produced at Haldia as the refinery goes on stream.

Requirement of Crude Oil

20. SHRI SHYAMLAL GUPTA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the requirement of crude oil in the country for the next year; and

(b) how Government propose to meet the requirements?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI K. R. GANESH): (a) and (b). Due to limited foreign exchange availability, total crude oil, both indigenous and imported, that is likely to be processed in all refineries during 1974-75 is estimated to be about 21 million tonnes.

Requirement for 1975-76, worked out, in the light of the current year's trends in consumption and keeping in view the foreign exchange outgo, is at present under consideration of Government.