

CHEMICALS (SHRI K. R. GANESH):

(a) The mechanical erection of the Namrup Fertilizer Project has been nearly completed and pre-commissioning operations are in progress.

(b) As against the original estimates of Rs. 29.46 crores, the present estimated cost of the project is Rs. 58.62 crores.

(c) The over-run in the cost of the project is mainly due to the delay in completion on account of slippages in the delivery of equipments and in construction activity and due to the general escalation in prices during the intervening period.

Financial difficulties at Gorakhpur Fertilizer Unit

***284. SHRIMATI AZIZA IMAM:**
SHRI SARDAR AMJAD ALI:
SHRI HARSH DEO MALA-
VIYA:
DR. V. B. SINGH:
SHRI R. K. MISHRA:

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

(a) whether Government have seen a report in the National Herald (Delhi Edition) of 13th January, 1975, to the effect that the Gorakhpur fertilizer unit is in trouble because of financial difficulties;

(b) whether it is a fact that a nationalised bank with which the Gorakhpur fertilizer unit has opened letters of credit, is not fulfilling its obligations or is delaying payments;

(c) whether it is also a fact that because of financial stringency the Gorakhpur fertilizer unit has not been able to pay its own bills for power, coal, freight, etc.; and

(d) what steps have been taken to remedy the situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND

CHEMICALS (SHRI K. R. GANESH):

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir; some payments were delayed by the Banks against letters of credit established by the U. P. Co-operative Federation to whom fertilizers were supplied by the FCI. The outstanding amounts have since been paid to the Corpn. by these banks.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Tube Railway Project at Calcutta

***285. SHRI BHOLA PRASAD:**
SHRI KALYAN ROY:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to refer to the answer to the Starred Question 386 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 2nd December, 1974 and state:

(a) whether a review of the Calcutta tube railway project in the context of present-day prices, availability of resources, including foreign exchange, has been undertaken;

(b) if so, what is the result of this review and the details thereof;

(c) how much land has been acquired so far and the amount paid as compensation therefor;

(d) to what extent the original plan has been modified and the details thereof; and

(e) by when the entire project is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MOHD. SHAFI QURESHI): (a) to (e) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The revised cost of the Project now comes to about Rs. 250 crores at 1973-74 level of prices. The total re-