

doctor relationship, the officer has since been transferred to Lucknow.

Oil Refinery at Mathura

*672. MISS SAROJ PURUSHOTTAM KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that much headway has not been made in acquiring land, laying the pipeline and mobilising resources to set up the proposed oil refinery at Mathura though its capacity has been increased by another million tonnes; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and by when the proposed refinery will start functioning?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & CHEMICALS (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) and (b) A statement is placed on the Table of the Rajya Sabha.

Statement

(a) and (b) Approval of the Government has been communicated to the IOC for setting up of a 6 million tonnes oil refinery at Mathura in Uttar Pradesh. The following action has been taken for the implementation of the project:

(i) A protocol has been signed on 20th July 1973 between Government of India and the Government of USSR which provides for economic and technical co-operation between the two countries in setting up the refinery.

(ii) Agreement has been entered into with the Iraq Government for obtaining a foreign exchange credit of Rs. 38 crores for meeting partly the foreign exchange requirements of the project. Dutch Credit to the extent of Rs. 4 crores has also been arranged for meeting the foreign exchange requirements of the Salaya off-shore terminal which forms part of the refinery project.

(iii) Notification under Section 4 of the Land Acquisition Act has already been published by the Government of Uttar Pradesh Site survey, soil investigation

and preliminary investigations for water supply, temporary construction, effluent disposal etc. have already been taken in hand.

(iv) Technical and commercial proposals have been invited from selected Indian and foreign companies for selection of licensors for certain units. The bids are expected to be received by the end of August, 1973.

(v) For laying the Salaya-Mathura pipeline, action has been taken to acquire right-of-way over the land. Other preliminary actions are also in progress. The Mathura refinery is expected to be commissioned during the year 1978.

Demand of Railway Doctors for Pay Parity with C.H.S. Doctors.

*673. SHRI LOKANATH MISRA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:—

ia) whether Government have received any representation from the Railway Medical Officers' Association demanding a parity in their scales of pay, non-practising allowance and other allowances with doctors of the Central Health Scheme;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken by Government to meet the demands of the Railway Medical Officers.'

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MOHD. SHAFI QURESHI): 1a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) A statement is laid on the table of the Sabha. The points raised in their representation will be taken into consideration within the scope and intent of the recommendations of the Third Pay Commission relating to Railway Medical Officers.

Statement

In their representation, the Railway Medical Officers' Association have made the following main demands:

(1) A new selection grade of Rs. 2,000-2250 may be introduced as in other technical services.

(2) A selection grade of Rs. 1800-2250 should be introduced as for Central Health Service specialists.

(3) A special merit grade of Rs. 3000-3500 should also be provided in the cadre.

(4) A fixed pay of Rs. 3,500 should be given to Director (Health) Railway Board.

(5) Better promotional opportunities should be provided.

(6) Non-practising allowance should be granted at the rate of 50% of pay; and

(7) The pay of the staff should be fixed in the new grades on the basis of a point-to-point pay fixation formula.

Recommendations Made by Ojha Committee on new Power Stations

*674. SHRI M. K. MOHTA: Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the salient recommendations made by the Ojha Committee with regard to setting up new power stations in the country; and

(b) whether Government have considered these recommendations; if so, the decision, if any, taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF IRRIGATION AND POWER (DR. K. L. RAO): (a) and (b) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement

(a) and (b) No Committee was set up under the Chairmanship of Shri Ojha with regard to setting up of new stations in the country.

A Site Selection Committee has however been set up under the Chairmanship of Shri Tata Rao, Member, Central Water and Power Commission for selection of sites for large

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Thermal Power Stations to be commissioned in the VIth Plan in various regions of the country. The Committee is expected to give its report by the end of the year.

Setting up of Coal-Based Petro-Chemical Complex in the Damodra Valley Region

*675. SHRI NIREN GHOSH: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that M/s Lurgi Gesselochaft had submitted a plan for a coal-based petro-chemical complex in the Damodar Valley region based on Tropsh process;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what is the comparative cost in foreign exchange of a coal-based, petro-chemical complex and of an imported crude-based complex?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) Government are not aware of any such plan.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Survey for Oil in Nagaland by ONGC

*676. SHRI N. R. CHOUDHURY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any survey has been conducted by the Oil and Natural Gas Commission regarding the oil prospects in Nagaland, Bhandru area bordering Assam; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

Surface Geological Mapping was carried out between Wakha Road and Merapani via Bhandari to study the stratigraphy, structure and other geological properties of the mapping rocks. These rocks have been found to range in age from Eocene*