

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

(b) A start has been made by appointing a workers' representative on the Board of Directors of the Hindustan Antibiotics Ltd. and the Pyrites, Phosphates and Chemicals Ltd.

In some other undertakings, namely, the Cochin Refineries Ltd., the Madras Refineries Ltd., and the Fertilizer Corporation of India Ltd., the workers representatives have been associated with certain committees like House Allotment Committee, Canteen Committee, Welfare Committee, Works Committee.

EXPANSION OF REFINERIES BY FOREIGN OIL COMPANIES

894. SHRI DEBANANDA AMAT : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state :

(a) whether any foreign oil companies in India have applied to Government for expansion of their refineries; and

(b) if so, the names thereof and the decision Government have taken in the matter ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) and (b) : Of the four foreign oil companies owning refineries in India, the Assam Oil Company had earlier applied for the expansion of its refinery at Digboi. The Government did not accept this proposal in the context of the consideration of the overall question of setting up of additional refinery capacity in Assam culminating in the decision to put up a new refinery at Bongaigaon. The other three foreign oil companies i.e. Burmah-Shell, ESSO and Caltex claimed that they have between them spare capacity of about 3 million tonnes per annum. The question of regularly utilising the additional capacity claimed to be available at these refineries will be considered by the Government at the appropriate time when the demand for products in the economic supply areas of these refineries justifies such utilisation.

दिल्ली राझरा-जगदलपुर के बीच रेलवे लाईन का निर्माण

895. श्री सवाई सिंह सिसोदिया : क्या रेल मंत्री 11 दिसम्बर, 1972 को राज्य सभा में तारांकित प्रश्न संख्या 558 के दिए गए उत्तर को देखेंगे और यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि दिल्ली राझरा से दांतेवाड़ा/जगदलपुर के बीच एक रेलवे लाईन बिछाने के संबंध में अब तक कितनी प्रगति हुई है ?

[CONSTRUCTION OF A RAILWAY LINE BETWEEN DHALLI-RAJHARA-JAODAIJUR

895. SHRI SAWAISINGH SISODIA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to refer to the reply to Starred Question No. 558 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 11th December, 1972 and state the progress so far made regarding the construction of a railway line between Dhalli-Rajhara to Dantewara/Jagdalpur ?]

रेल मंत्रालय में उपमंत्री (श्री मोहम्मद शफी कुरेशी) : इस लाइन के लिए विस्तृत इंजीनियरी सर्वेक्षण का काम प्रारम्भ कर दिया गया है। इस सर्वेक्षण के परिणाम ज्ञात हो जाने पर ही इस प्रस्ताव पर आगे विचार किया जायेगा।

[THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MOHD. SHAFI QURESHI) : A detailed Engineering Survey for this line has since been taken up. Further consideration to this proposal will be given after the results of this survey become known.]

APPOINTMENT OF SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO THE MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE

896. DR. BHAI MAHAVIR : Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that a Deputy Secretary in the Law Department of Delhi Administration is proposed to be appointed as Special Assistant to the Minister of Law, Justice and Company Affairs; and

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