

be exempt from Excise Duty and also get some other price adjustments to improve the economics of the fertilizer plants based on these feedstocks. These concessions would apply to all projects which may be based on the petroleum fractions as their feedstock.

123. *Will the Minister be pleased to state whether the Government are considering any proposal to extend the G.T. Express and Assam Mail upto Pathankot to afford facilities for direct journey from South and East to Pathankot; if so, by when?*

#### NEW FERTILIZER PROJECTS WITH JAPANESE COLLABORATION

1224. SHRI JANARDHANA REDDY : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal to start new fertilizer projects in the public sector with Japanese collaboration; and

(b) if so, the places where these projects are likely to be located ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI DALBIR SINGH) : (a) and (b) Some proposals have been received in this regard and these are under consideration.

#### RUNNING OF TRAINS UP TO JAMMU

1225. CHAUDHARY A. MOHAMMED: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the trains running from Delhi/New Delhi to Pathankot will be extended upto Jammu from 1st December 1972; and

(b) whether it is also a fact that some of the trains so extended upto Jammu will not touch Pathankot and will be diverted to Jammu from Chaki Bank railway station and if so, the name of trains which are proposed to be diverted and the reason for diversion ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MOHD. SHAFI QURESHI) : (a) and (b) Based on traffic and operational considerations, 59/60 Srinagar Expresses and 33/34 Kashmir Mails running from and to New Delhi/Delhi have been extended to and from Jammu via Pathankot with effect from 2-12-1972 No. 51/52 Sealdah Pathankot Expresses, however, have been extended

0 and from Jammu via Chakki Bank with out touching Pathankot.

#### 3.T. ExPRr.hS \ND ASSS.M MAIL TO RUN UPTO PATHANKOT

1226. CHAUDHARY A. MOHAMMAD : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to extend G.T. Express and Assam Mail upto Pathankot to afford facilities for direct journey from South and East to Pathankot; if so, by when ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MOHD. SHAFI QURESHI) : No.

#### CONSTITUTION OF A NEW POWER ZONE

1227. SHRI VENIGALLA SATYA-NARAYANA : Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that talks have been held among the Chief Ministers of some States regarding the possibility of forming a new power zone, and

(b) if so, the names of the States and the outcome thereof ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF IRRIGATION AND POWER (SHRI BAIJ NATH KUREEL) : (a) There is no proposal of forming any new Power Zone. There was an informal suggestion by one of the Ministers participating in the Northern Zone meeting.

(b) Does not arise.

#### DIVERSION OF POWER SUPPLY

1228. SHRI VENIGALLA SATYA-NARAYANA : Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have taken any steps recently to divert power supply from the surplus States to those States which are facing power shortage, and

(b) if so, the names of those States and broad outlines thereof ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF IRRIGATION AND POWER (SHRI BAIJ NATH KUREEL) :

(a) and (b) Yes, Sir. At present, surplus power from Madhya Pradesh is being