

Sabari railway line project

***93. PROF P.J. KURIEN:** Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

- (a) the status of the Sabari railway line in Kerala;
- (b) the details of the amount spent so far and work completed in the said project;
- (c) whether the said railway line will be extended upto Thiruvananthapuram;
- (d) if so, the details thereof, and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (e) the expected time of completion of the project?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DINESH TRIVEDI): (a) and (b) Earthwork and minor bridges works in first 5 km. from Angamali and Periyar Bridge are in progress. Land acquisition in Ernakulam District is in progress. Land acquisition in Kottayam District is held up as the alignment is to be finalised in consultation with the State Government. Angamali-Kaladi (7 km.) is targeted for completion during 2011-12.

An expenditure of Rs. 68.13 crore has been incurred upto March, 2011.

(c) to (e) A survey for Erumeli (proposed station on Angamali-Sabarimala railway line)-Thiruvananthapuram via Pathanamthitta and Punalur new line has been taken up. Further consideration of this proposal would be possible once the survey report becomes available and decision on the results of the survey is finalized. As the project is not sanctioned, no target date for completion can be fixed.

Subsidy for water soluble fertilizers

***94. DR. K.P. RAMALINGAM:** Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government received representation seeking subsidy for water soluble fertilizers or liquid fertilizers;
- (b) if so, whether Government would come forward to grant subsidy for those fertilizers which are produced indigenously;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SRIKANT JENA): (a) to (d) Department of Fertilizers is administering Nutrient Based Subsidy (NBS) Policy *w.e.f.* 1.4.2010 in continuation of the erstwhile concession scheme for decontrolled Phosphatic and Potassic fertilizers. Accordingly, the NBS is presently, applicable for 22 grades of P&K fertilizers, which includes Di-Ammonium Phosphate (DAP, 18-46-0), Di-