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42	ITARANA	DEFENCE	1985-86
43	JAIPUR NO. II (CANTT.)	DEFENCE	1979-80
44	JAIPUR NO. IV (KHATIPURA)	DEFENCE	1986-87
45	JAISALMER (AFS)	DEFENCE	1981-82
46	JALIPA CANTT.	DEFENCE	1981-82
47	JODHPUR NO. I (AFS)	DEFENCE	1964-65
48	JODHPUR NO. I (ARMY)	DEFENCE	1977-78
49	JODHPUR NO. II (AFS)	DEFENCE	1983-84
50	JODHPUR NO. II (ARMY)	DEFENCE	1987-88
51	KOTA NO. I	DEFENCE	1965-66
52	LALGARH JATTAN	DEFENCE	1985-86
53	NASIRABAD	DEFENCE	1971-72
54	SHRI GANGA NAGAR CANTT.	DEFENCE	1980-81
55	SURATGARH NO. I (AFS)	DEFENCE	1981-82
56	SURATGARH NO. II (AFS)	DEFENCE	1997-98
57	SURATGARH NO. II (CANTT.)	DEFENCE	1986-87
58	UDAIPUR NO. II	DEFENCE	1982-83
59	UTTARLAI	DEFENCE	1982-83
60	ANTA (AGPP)	PROJECT	1988-89
61	AVIKANAGAR (SWRI)	PROJECT	1986-87
62	SURATGARH STPS	PROJECT	2003-04
63	ZAWARMINES	PROJECT	1975-76
64	CHHABRA THERMAL POWER PROJECT	PROJECT	2011-12

Introduction of Express Trains

*255. SHRI RAMA CHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state whether Railways would consider introduction of Superfast Express train from Visakhapatnam to Allahabad; Express train from Keonjhar to Howrah; Janshatabdi Express between Bhubaneswar and Rourkela *via* Sambalpur; Intercity

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Express between Puri and Tatanagar *via* Keonjhar; and Bhubaneswar and Manmad (Shirdi) Express train, in Odisha?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MUKUL ROY): There is no such proposal to introduce new trains between Visakhapatnam and Allahabad, Jajpur Keonjhar Road and Howrah, Bhubaneswar and Rourkela *via* Sambalpur, Puri and Tatanagar *via* Jajpur Keonjhar Road and Bhubaneswar and Manmad (Shirdi).

Extension of 18417/18418 Bhubaneswar-Jharsuguda Rajya Rani Express, (3 days a week), upto Rourkela has been announced in Railway Budget 2012-13.

Introduction of new train services including Superfast, Jan-Shatabdi, Inter-city and Express trains is an ongoing process subject to traffic justification, operational feasibility, availability of resources and competing demands.

Increase in prices of fertilizers

*256. PROF. P.J. KURIEN: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is aware of the steep increase in the prices of essential fertilizers regularly used by farmers;
 - (b) if so, the details thereof:
- (c) whether Government has formulated any action plan to help the farmers by checking the spiralling prices of essential fertilizers;
 - (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether Government has any plan to offer subsidy to farmers for purchasing fertilizers; and
 - (f) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SRIKANT JENA): (a) and (b) Yes Sir. Government has implemented Nutrient Based Subsidy (NBS) Policy for P&K fertilizers w.e.f. 1.4.2010. Under the NBS policy, a fixed subsidy on decontrolled P&K fertilizers is announced annually for each nutrient namely nitrogen (N), phosphorus (P), potash (K) and sulphur (S) on per kg basis, which is converted into subsidy per tonne depending upon the nutrient content in each grade of the fertilizers. The MRP (Maximum Retail Price) of P&K fertilizers is open and is allowed to be fixed by manufactures/importers at reasonable level, based on demand-supply dynamics.

The country is completely dependent on imports for Potassic Fertilizers and dependence to the extent of 90% in Phosphatic fertilizers. Any rise/fall in the