

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY): (a) to (c) There is no such proposal with the Government. However, Madras Refineries Ltd. is currently implementing under their delegated powers a scheme for increasing the capacity of crude through put from 5.6 MTPA to 6.5 MTPA by adding some balancing equipment in the distillation unit of Refinery II. The scheme is likely to be completed within first quarter of 1992 at a cost of Rs. 19 crores.

Financial Assistance from Japan

4337. SHRI BANWARILAL PUROHIT:

SHRI SHANTARAM POTDUKHE:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways are likely to receive Rs. 100 crore equivalent of Yen assistance from Japan for its important projects;

(b) if so, the details of the projects on which this would be spent; and

(c) the details of terms and conditions in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES):

(a) to (b) and (c) The Government of Japan through their agency Overseas Economic Cooperation Fund (OECF) are giving financial assistance to Govt. of India for the projects selected for this purpose. Following two projects of the Indian Railways are presently being financed by OECF:

- (i) The OECF extended a loan of Japanese Yen 4.8 billion (about Rs. 20 crores) on 23-02-1983 for construction of Calcutta Metro Railway Project (Phase-II) from Shyambazar Station to Esplanade Station. The loan stipulated interest charge at the rate of 2.75% per annum. The loan is repayable in 20 years.

- (ii) The OECF on 27-03-1990 had extended a loan of Japanese Yen 1.256 million (Rs. 14.2 crores approximately) for Rolling Stock Workshop Modernisation Project (I) which cover Jamalpur and Perambur Workshops. The loan stipulates interest charges at the rate of 2.5% per annum. The loan is repayable in 20 years.

Re-Naming Kitoor Express after Kitoor Rani Chennamma

4338. SHRI JOSS FERNANDEZ: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether at present Kitoor Express is passing through a place called 'Kitoor' where Kitoor Rani Chennamma fought for the country against Britishers; and

(b) whether Government propose to take steps to name the present Kitoor Express as Kitoor Rani Chennamma Express to commemorate her memory?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES):

(a) and (b) No, Sir.

Train Services in Talcher Division

4339. SHRI RAVI NARAYAN PANI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the train services in Talcher Division of Orissa have declined both in terms of number of trains and passenger amenities; and

(b) if so, the steps being taken for the improvement of these services?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES):

(a) and (b) Talcher is not a division but a station in Khurda Road Division. There has been no decline in the train services and passenger amenities for Talcher.