

**Naphtha Cracker Complex at
Visakhapatnam**

5163. SHRIMATI UMA GAJAPATI
RAJU:
SHRI M. BAGA REDDY:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND
CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have accorded final sanction for the down stream projects of the Naphtha cracker complex to be set up in Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if not, the reasons for delay; and

(c) the economic viability of the Naphtha without the down stream project vis-a-vis other similar projects in the country?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND
CHEMICALS (SHRI M.S. GURU-
PADASWAMY): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). Such decisions are taken on techno-economic considerations at the appropriate time.

**Electric Train from Madras to Kan-
chipuram**

5164. SHRI KANCI PANNEER SEL-
VAM: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be
pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to introduce an electric train from Madras to Kanchipuram which is a famous Hindu religious place and famous for silk textiles;

(b) if so, when; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI
GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Madras-Chengalpattu section is already electrified. As regards electrification of the remaining Chengalpattu-Kanchipuram section, presently priorities are to complete electrification of Delhi-Bombay via Central Railway Trunk route, Delhi-Madras via Grand Trunk route and Howrah-Bombay via Nagpur route. In view of these priorities and constraint of resources, as well as low traffic density on Chengalpattu-Kanchipuram section, there is, at present, no proposal to electrify this section.

[Translation]

Shortage of Cooking Gas in Bihar

5165. PROF. YADUNATH PANDEY:
Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND
CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the consumers are facing a lot of difficulties due to shortage of cooking gas in Bihar; and

(b) if so, the steps being taken by Government to meet the shortage of cooking gas and the time by which the shortage is likely to be met?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM
AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M.S. GURU-
PADASWAMY): (a) and (b). A temporary shortage in the supply of LPG refills was reported from a few locations in Bihar on account of agitation against truck movement. This problem has been sorted out and the situation has since improved. The situation is being closely monitored to ensure regular supplies to the consumers.