

(b) The proposed Lalitpur-Singrauli, via Khajuraho-Satna-Rewa BG line, 508 KM long, was estimated in 1980-81 at Rs. 227.63 crores with a negative rate of return.

(c) Although Satna-Rewa, new BG line project, was approved in 1985-86, work was taken up only in 1987-88, after Planning Commission had cleared the proposal. Completion of this line will depend on availability of resources in coming years.

[English]

Provision of Basic Amenities in Bombay Slums

49. SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI NAVINCHANDRA MEHTA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Union Government have given 'No Objection Certificate' to Maharashtra Government for provision of basic amenities like electricity, water, drainage, roads in slums located on railway lands which are surplus to their requirements;

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

(c) the progress made so far in shifting hutments from prescribed safety zones to re-settle them elsewhere?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) Railway have offered to relinquish those railway lands in Bombay area which fall outside the safety zone and are surplus to its future requirements, to the State Government of Maharashtra, either on current market value or in exchange of equivalent land, to enable the State Government to undertake slum development works. They have also been given the option of taking over such lands on licence basis.

(b) and (c). Further action on the above proposal lies with the State Government of Maharashtra.

Setting up of Thermal Power Plant in Visakhapatnam

50. SHRIMATI UMA GAJAPATHI RAJU: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) the present stage of the thermal power plant to be set up in Visakhapatnam under the NTPC; and

(b) the completion schedule thereof?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY AND MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHAMMAD KHAN): (a) and (b). No feasibility report from National Thermal Power Corporation has been received for setting up a Thermal Power Plant at Vishakhapatnam.

Expansion of Refineries

51. SHRI MANORANJAN BHAKTA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is proposed to increase the refining capacity of the existing refineries; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M.S. GURUPADASWAMY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Some of the potential expansion projects envisaged are in respect of Cochin, Barauni, Digboi, Guwahati, Madras and Koyali refineries. These are likely to lead to an additional refining capacity of about 7 MTPA.