

(b) the progress made so far and Central assistance given for it?

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI P. C. SETHI): (a) and (b). The project, although approved in principle by Government, has so far not been taken up for implementation due to the resources constraint.

Survey for Dasgaon—Goa Section of West Coast Railway (Konkan Railway)

577. **SHRI SHANKERRAO SAVANT:** Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) which surveys on the Dasgaon-Goa section of the West Coast Railway (Konkan Railway) have been completed and when; and

(b) which are in progress and when are they likely to be completed?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BUTA SINGH): (a) and (b). Final Location Survey between Dasgaon and Ratnagiri and spot checks between Ratnagiri and Mangalore are in progress and likely to be completed by 31-1-1976. The proposal for the construction of the line will be considered further after the survey reports are received and examined.

Profit earned by the Fertilizer Corporation of India

578. **SHRI JAGANNATH MISRA:** Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Fertilizer Corporation of India has earned good amount of profit during 1974-75 despite production losses; and

(b) if so, the net profits earned during 1974-75?

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI P. C. SETHI): (a) and (b). The net profit earned for the year 1974-75 was Rs. 128.26 lakhs.

Proposal to refer pending Cases to Arbitration by Lawyers

579. **SHRI JAGANNATH MISHRA:** Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to refer pending court cases to arbitration by lawyers; and

(b) if so, the advantages therefrom?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI V. A. SEYID MUHAMED): (a) There can be no such proposal by the Government unilaterally

(b) Does not arise.

Earnings from Freight Traffic for Fiscal Year 1975

580 **SHRI RAJDEO SINGH:** Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Railways are well set to achieve the target of 210 million tonnes of revenue earning from freight traffic fixed for the fiscal year 1975; and

(b) whether earnings during the first six months both from passenger and freight traffic show improvements over the budgeted targets?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BUTA SINGH): (a) The Indian Railways hope to achieve the budget target of 210 million tonnes of freight traffic which includes revenue and non-revenue earning traffic.

(b) Yes.