

from Kharagpur to Digha which is a place of tourist interest;

(b) whether any survey has been conducted in this regard; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and when a final decision is likely to be taken?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) No, Sir. However, there was a demand for Tamluk-Digha line which has been approved.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

Increase in Capacity of Mangalore Refinery

*833. **SHRI G.S. BASAVARAJ:**
SHRIMATI BASAVA RAJES-
WARI:

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

(a) whether the Hindustan Petroleum Corporation has been asked to study the possibility of increasing the capacity of proposed Mangalore refinery; and

(b) if so, the details in this regard?

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

(b) Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited has been asked to assess the desirability of setting up a Refinery of 6 MTPA or creation of such a capacity in two Stages, starting initially with 3 MTPA in the first stage.

Utilisation of Railway land

*834. **SHRI JANARDHANA**
POOJARY:
SHRI J. CHOKKA RAO:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the area of total railway land in the country which is not being utilised by the Railways;

(b) whether Government have formulated any scheme for its proper use;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI AJAY SINGH): (a) About 60,000 hectares.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The vacant land would be required for Railway's future developmental works, such as doublings, gauge conversion, maintenance of tracks, expansion of station buildings and circulating areas, construction of staff quarters, etc. Afforestation is being done on vacant railway land till such time it is needed for Railway's development works.

(d) Does not arise.

Proposals for Big Industries in North Bihar

*835. **SHRI DHARMESH PRASAD VARMA:** Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Bihar Government have sent some proposals for setting up big industries in the East and West Champaran dis-