

Company are also being strengthened. Necessary training will also be imparted to workers to build up skills for manufacture of electronics products.

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Setting up of Fertilizer Plant in Mirzapur District of Uttar Pradesh

5519. SHRI SUBEDAR: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under consideration of Government to set up a fertilizer plant at Mohanpur in Mirzapur district of Uttar Pradesh; and

(b) if so, the time by which the fertilizer plant will be set up?

THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI DEVI LAL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Setting up of Phosphatic Fertilizer Factory in Hirapur (Madhya Pradesh)

5520. SHRI SUKHENDRA SINGH: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that there are huge deposits of valuable Rock-Phosphate ore at Hirapur in Sagar district of Madhya Pradesh and no industry based on this ore has been set up there;

(b) whether the National Chemicals and Fertilizers Limited (NCFL) had conducted a survey there last year;

(c) if so, whether there is any proposal to set up a phosphate fertilizer factory or an allied industry in the said area; and

(d) if so, when it is likely to be cleared?

THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI DEVI LAL): (a) and (b). The Mineral Exploration Corporation Limited has completed investigations for phosphorite in Hirapur area of Madhya Pradesh and has estimated a tentative reserve of 6 million tonnes of rockphosphate with 30% P₂O₅ content.

(c) There is no proposal with the Government at present for putting up any phosphatic fertilizer factory based on Hirapur rock-phosphate in the State of M.P.

(d) Do not arise.

[*English*]

Retention Prices Scheme for Fertilizer

5521. SHRISHANTILAL PURUSHOTTAMDAS PATEL: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state

(a) whether the changes in retention prices scheme have affected the profits and profitability of fertilizer units to a greater extent

(b) if so, whether any study has been conducted in this regard by an expert committee;

(c) if so, the outcome thereof; and

(d) The steps taken to meet the situation and help the fertilizer industry?

THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI DEVI LAL): (a) Yes, Sir. The changes in the retention price and subsidy scheme have affected the profits and profitability of fertilizer units to some extent.

(b) to (d). In November, 1989, Planning