

Shri Kashi Ram Gupta: Which is the State which has given the largest area and will priority in reclamation be given to that area of that State?

Dr. M. M. Das: The Maharashtra Government has offered us 80,000 acres of land.

Shri Kashi Ram Gupta: How much of it will be reclaimed?

Dr. M. M. Das: The area is being surveyed and until that is complete, we cannot say.

श्री हुकम चन्द कछवाय : मैं यह जानना चाहता हूँ कि ये ट्रैक्टर कब तक आ जायेंगे कितने आयेंगे और कब तक काम चालू हो जायेगा ?

Dr. M. M. Das: We have invited tenders. It is difficult for me to say what exactly will be the time taken for the tractors to arrive.

Durgapur Fertiliser Project

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*485. { **Shri Ramachandra Ulaka:**
Shri Dhuleshwar Meena:
Shri Gulshan:
Shri Mohammad Elias:

Will the Minister of Petroleum and Chemicals be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 1249 on the 29th April, 1964 and state:

(a) whether Government have since taken any final decision on the report of the Fertilizer Corporation of India about the proposed Durgapur Fertilizer Project; and

(b) if so, the particulars thereof?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Petroleum and Chemicals (Shri Alagesan): (a) It has been decided, in principle, to establish a fertilizer factory in Durgapur in the public sector and entrust its execution to the Fertilizer Corporation of India Ltd.

(b) The factory, estimated to cost Rs. 34.50 crores will produce 100,000 tonnes of nitrogen and 108,500 tonnes

of P205 in the form of ammonium phosphate sulphate.

Shri Ramachandra Ulaka: Will the fertiliser produced in this factory be cheaper than that produced in other units in the country?

Shri Alagesan: I am not able to say.

Shri Ramachandra Ulaka: When will this factory go into production?

Shri Alagesan: As I said, the project report has been prepared and it is under consideration by a committee of the board of directors of the Fertiliser Corporation. It has not yet been submitted to Government.

श्री गुलशन : क्या माननीय मंत्री जो बतायेंगे कि यह योजना कब तक पूरी हो जायगी ?

वेङ्कटेश्वर और रसायन मंत्री (श्री हुमायून कबिर): जैसा अभी बताया गया यह रिपोर्ट अभी फरटिलाइजर कारपोरेशन के बोर्ड आफ डाइरेक्टर्स के सामने है। वह जब अपनी सिफारिश के साथ उस को गवर्नमेंट के पास भेजेंगे, उसके बाद गवर्नमेंट तय करेगी।

Shri Mohammad Elias: When will the construction be done?

Shri Humayun Kabir: That will depend on when the proposals have been received and accepted.

Dr. Ranen Sen: Is there any truth in the newspaper report that this fertiliser factory at Durgapur is not going to be established and that it will be shifted somewhere else?

Shri Alagesan: No, Sir. There is no truth in that report.

Shri Tridib Kumar Chaudhuri: Am I to understand that the whole matter is under the consideration of the Fertiliser Corporation, and Government has received no specific proposals from the Fertiliser Corporation or, are they in touch with the West

Bengal Government or such other interested parties and a final decision has been or is going to be taken?

Shri Alagesan: The Fertiliser Corporation was entrusted with the task of preparing the project report, and naturally they have been in touch with the West Bengal Government etc., for land, power and other requirements. As I said, the report is just now before a committee of the Board of Directors of the Fertiliser Corporation. After they approve it, it will come to Government for final approval.

Shri A. P. Jain: What are the basic materials that are going to be used in the manufacture of fertilisers, and what is the process that is going to be adopted?

Shri Alagesan: For nitrogenous fertiliser production, it will be naphtha from the Barauni refinery. For P205, it will be from imported rock phosphate.

Shri A. P. Jain: Process.

Shri Alagesan: Process I am not able to say.

श्री तुलशीदास जाधव : दुर्गापुर में जो फर्टिलाइजर प्रोजेक्ट कायम किया जाने वाला है, वह वहाँ पर किया जाने वाला है, जहाँ ज्यादा कारखाने हैं। जहाँ कारखाने नहीं हैं, उस जगह पर यह प्रोजेक्ट क्यों नहीं कायम किया जाता है ?

श्री हुमायूँ कबिर : हम चाहते हैं कि हिन्दुस्तान में फर्टिलाइजर जितनी जल्दी हो सके, तैयार हो। इस के लिए ज़रूरत है कि दुर्गापुर में वह प्रोजेक्ट कायम किया जाये। जहाँ कारखाने नहीं हैं, उस के बारे में सोचा जायेगा।

Shri Joachim Alva: Government is aware that an American consortium of investors have now a proposal to set up three or four fertiliser factories. They have proceeded with

their plans. Are you waiting for them to set up their factories?

Mr. Speaker: Order, order. He should not address direct.

Shri Joachim Alva: I am sorry. Are you waiting for them to set up those factories? (Laughter).

I want an answer to my question. I am addressing it to you.

Mr. Speaker: This Parliament has had its life for three years now. Now at least we are quite mature that we should follow the procedure that is there.

Shri Hari Vishnu Kamath: He was a Member of the previous Parliament also.

Mr. Speaker: I can only talk of the present Parliament. He may have had longer experience.

Shri Alagesan: There is no question of waiting. This question was gone into in some detail when the previous question was answered. This is a particular project, and this will be considered on its own merits.

श्री रामेश्वरानन्द : अब तक जितने उर्वरक बने हैं, लगातार उनका प्रयोग करने से भूमि कृषि के योग्य नहीं रहती है। मैं यह जानना चाहता हूँ कि जो नवीन कारखाना खोला जा रहा है, क्या उस में इस प्रकार का यत्न किया जायेगा कि उर्वरक का लगातार प्रयोग करने पर भी भूमि कृषि के योग्य बनी रहे ?

अध्यक्ष महोदय : सरकार इस पर ज़रूर शोर करेगी।

श्री रामेश्वरानन्द : इस प्रश्न का उत्तर दिला दिया जाये।

अध्यक्ष महोदय : मैं ने उत्तर दे दिया है कि माननीय सदस्य ने अच्छी तजवीज़ दी है, सरकार उस पर ध्यान देगी।

श्री रामेश्वरानन्द : यदि सरकार की ओर से उत्तर आता, तो अच्छा होता ।

अध्यक्ष महोदय : क्या माननीय सदस्य मुझ पर एतबार नहीं करते ?

श्री रामेश्वरानन्द : यदि मंत्री महोदय इस प्रश्न का उत्तर देते, तो ठीक होता ।

अध्यक्ष महोदय : अच्छा बात है ।

Shri S. M. Banerjee: I want to know whether all steps have been taken by the Union Government to see that this fertiliser factory is established in Durgapur, and whether it is a fact that it is likely to be in production during the Fourth Plan.

Shri Humayun Kabir: My colleague has stated that Government entrusted this project to the Fertiliser Corporation of India for a detailed project study. After this, why this question is asked, I do not know.

Shri S. M. Banerjee: I rise on a point of order.

Mr. Speaker: He should say that the answer is not given. It is now very offensive that the Member stands up on a point of order. I would not allow any point of order.

Shri S. M. Banerjee: It is a slip of the tongue.

I would like to mention that this particular question about the Durgapur fertiliser project has come up repeatedly. We only want an assurance whether this plant is going to be at Durgapur, and whether it will go into production in the Fourth Plan. We want a definite assurance. The second portion has not been answered.

Mr. Speaker: Assurances are not given during the Question Hour.

Shri S. M. Banerjee: Whether this will be in production....

Mr. Speaker: Next question.

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Photostat Copies of Serajuddin and Co. Account Books

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*487. { **Shri Hari Vishnu Kamath;**
Shri Surendranath Dwivedy:

Will the Minister of Home Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that photostat copies of all the account books of Serajuddin and Co. have been procured by Government for investigation; and

(b) the action taken on the basis of the photostat copies against the firm?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Home Affairs (Shri Hathi):

(a) Photostat copies of all the account books of Serajuddin and Co. have not been prepared. Photostat copies were prepared of some documents only which were required for purposes of investigation.

(b) No action could be taken against the firm by the Police on the basis of the photostat copies. The proprietor of the firm has, however, been prosecuted on the basis of some of the original entries.

Shri Hari Vishnu Kamath: Is it a fact that some of the photostat copies of certain entries of pages of the account books of Serajuddin and Company were made available sometime ago to the Orissa Council of Ministers and a question was raised in the Orissa Legislature, and is he aware of the answer given by the Orissa Home Minister, Mr. Raut Ray and may I also know whether these photostat copies were made available to a private individual, a Member of the Congress Party who was deputed to Orissa, and if so for what purpose and will they be laid on the Table of the House?

Shri Hathi: I have no information on this.

Shri Hari Vishnu Kamath: No information at all. You better get information. It came in the newspapers. The session is running out.

Mr. Speaker: Next question.