

Rule, 1989 making it compulsory to paint registration number on all four sides of private automobiles also; and

(b) if so, the action taken/proposed to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRIM. RAJASEKARAMURTHY)

: (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The matter has been referred to an Expert Committee for their opinion.

[Translation]

### Shortage of Containers

75. SHRI N.J. RATHVA : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is acute shortage of containers at the ports in the country particularly in Gujarat;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor ;

(c) whether the export, particularly of prawns and other fishes, from these ports have been adversely affected due to the shortage of containers ; and

(d) if so, the steps taken by the Government to ensure supply of adequate number of containers at such ports?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI M. RAJASEKARAMURTHY)

: (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The export of marine products in the period April - September, 1995 as compared to the same period of the last year shows a decline from a number of ports including Kandla Port in Gujarat. However, the decline could be attributed to a variety of reasons such as disease in Shrimp farms in the East coast of India, infra-structure bottlenecks etc. It is very

difficult to pin point that the shortfall occurred due to shortage of containers alone.

(d) Does not arise.

### Production of Naphtha

76. SHRI PURNA CHANDRA MALIK : Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state :

(a) the feedstock policy of the Government for production of different varieties of fertilizer;

(b) whether the production of Naphtha in the country is in excess than that of consumption;

(c) if so, the quantity thereof;

(d) whether the same is going to be utilised for augmenting fertilizer production in the country;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ELECTRONICS AND DEPARTMENT OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO) : (a) Natural gas is the preferred feedstock for manufacture of nitrogenous fertilizers. In view of the constraints on indigenous availability of natural gas, alternative feedstocks like naphtha have been considered for the establishment of new fertilizer units. The new naphtha based plants have provided for dual feedstock facilities so that they can switch over to gas as and when it becomes available. The existing gas-based plants have been advised to install facilities enabling them to use naphtha in case of limitations on gas supply.

(b) and (c). The production of naphtha in 1994-95 was 5.6 million MT, as against the consumption of 3.6 million MT during the same period.

(d) to (f). The following projects, based on naphtha as feedstock, are presently under implementation.

Sl.No.	Name of company and plant	Product	Capacity (in lakh MTPA)	Likely date of commissioning
1)	MFL, Manali Expn.)	Urea NPK	0.76 1.84	30.8.1990

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2)	FACT, Udyogamandal (New ammonia plant)	Ammonia	2.97	31.3.1997
3)	IFFCO, Phulpur (Expansion)	Urea	7.26	20.4.1998
4)	NFL, Nangal (Debottlenecking)	Urea	7.26	1.11.1996

The following gas-based plants under implementation have provided for dual feedstock facility:

<i>Sr No</i>	<i>Name of company and plant</i>	<i>Product</i>	<i>Capacity (in lakh MTPA)</i>	<i>Likely date of commissioning</i>
1)	IFFCO, Kalol (Expn.)	Urea	1.50	1.9.1997
2)	IFFCO, Aonla (Expn.)	Urea	7.26	1.1.1997
3)	NFL, Vijaipur (Expn.)	Urea	7.26	1.1.1997
4)	NFCL, Kakinada (Expn.)	Urea	4.95	Second half of 1997-98

Public sector/cooperative sector units under the administrative control of this Ministry have submitted the following project proposals under the prescribed two stage clearance procedure for setting up naphtha ammonia-urea plants with dual feedstock facilities.

<i>Sr No</i>	<i>Name of company</i>	<i>Project</i>	<i>Capacity (in lakh MT per annum)</i>
i)	IFFCO	Grass Root Ammonia-Urea Project, Nellore	7.26
ii)	NFL	Panipat Expansion Project	7.26
iii)	KRIBHCO	3rd Ammonia-Urea Stream, Hazira	7.26

#### **Widening of Mathura - Agra National Highway**

is likely to start;

77. SHRI BHAGWAN SHAKAR RAWAT: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(c) whether allocations for the same have been made; and

(a) whether the Government propose to widen the Mathura-Agra National Highway into four lanes;

(d) the steps the Government propose to take to complete the project intime without any cost escalation ?

(b) if so, the time by which the project to widen the same

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF