

Czech Know-how for Revamping Old Ammonia/Urea Plants

4085. SHRI Y. S. MAHAJAN : Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are considering any proposal to allow Czech know-how for revamping old ammonia/urea plants and for saving energy in such units ;

(b) whether Government have made a comparative study of the available know-how in other countries in terms of inputs i.e. raw material(s), energy, capacity utilisation, cost of production etc. ; and

(c) if so, the tentative conclusion arrived at ?

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS AND INDUSTRY AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI VEERENDRA PATIL) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) : Such a study was made at the time of selection of technology for the new gas based plants. On the basis of the studies made, Haldor Topsoe and Kellog were selected for ammonia and M/s. Snamprogetti for urea plants.

Linking of District Headquarters in Tamilnadu with Madras by S. T.D

4086. SHRI N. DENNIS : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) the names of the district headquarters in Tamilnadu which have not been connected by S.T.D. so far with the state capital ;

(b) whether there is any proposal to link all the district headquarters of the State with Madras by S.T.D ; and

(c) if so, the details regarding the plan of Government in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA) : (a) Out of the 18 district headquarters in Tamilnadu, the following district headquarters are not having S.T.D. facilities with the State Capital Madras :—

1. Cuddalore
2. Thanjavur
3. Sivaganga
4. Ramanathapuram

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Ramanathapuram is already a medium size auto exchange. Cuddalore, Thanjavur and Sivaganga are manual exchanges and are planned to be automated during 7th Five Year Plan.

After automatisation, it is planned to link Cuddalore to Madras Trunk Automatic Exchange, Thanjavur to Trichy Trunk Automatic Exchange and Sivaganga and Ramanathapuram to Madurai Trunk Automatic Exchange.

Transmission medium has been planned from these stations to respective Trunk Automatic Exchanges.

After completion of the above mentioned works, STD facility from these stations to Madras will become available. It is expected that this would be completed during the 7th Plan period except for Ramanathapuram where land for the transmission line building is not yet available.

Setting up of Telephone Industries in Bihar

4087. DR. G. S. RAJHANS : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to establish telephone industries in Bihar during 1985-86 ;

(b) if so, the details thereof ; and

(c) if not, the reasons thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF
THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICA-
TIONS (SHRI RAM NIWAS
MIRDHA) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The Government have licensed ITI for manufacture of 11.5 lakh numbers of telephone instruments. For meeting the increasing demand of telephones, the Government have further licensed Nine companies in the State Sector with a licensed capacity of 37 lakh numbers per annum. In addition, certain companies in the private Sector are also issued/being issued Letter of Intent for manufacture of telephones. Letters of Intent have been given to Bihar State Electronics Development Corporation Limited for manufacture of two-way Radio Communication and allied equipment and 50000 lines of Rural Automatic Exchange Equipment per annum and jells filley cable.

Setting up of Petrol Pumps in Bihar

4088 DR. G. S. RAJHANS : Will the Minsiter of PETROLEUM be pleased to state ;

(a) whether there is any ban on setting up of new petrol pumps in Bihar ;

(b) if fo, when the ban is likely to be lifted ; and

(c) the criteria followed by Government in issuing of licences for setting up of new petrol pumps ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF
THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM
(SHRI NAWAL KISHORE SHARMA):
(a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) After identifying the locations for development of retail outlets (Petrol/

Diesel pumps), the same are included in the Marketing Plans of the Oil Industry for award of dealershiop. Thereafter the concerned oil companies release press advertisements in leading newspapers in the area inviting applications. The applications thus received in response to specific advertisements are screened and forwarded to duly constituted Oil Selection Board (OSB) for holding the interviews of eligible candidates. On receipt of recommendations from the OSB, the concerned oil companies take further action for award of dealerships.

Acquisition of Land at Kalimpong by Military Authorities

4089. SHRI ANANDA PATHAK : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware that the military authorities at Kalimpong in Darjeeling District are contemplating to acquire a vast chunk of land at Kalimpong ;

(b) if so, whether Government are also aware that the land in question is thickly populated by the civilian population who are the inhabitants of that area for generations together ;

(c) whether thousands of persons would be rendering homeless and uprooted from the very means of livelihood if the above plan is materialised ; and

(d) in view of the above, whether Government propose to drop the idea of acquiring this land ?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE
(SHRI P. V. NARASIMHA RAO) :
(a) to (d) : The local Military authorities had approched the state Government for acquisition of about 1100 acres of land at Kalimpong, District Dgrjeeling. The State Government has not given their 'No Obiection Certificate' for the land identified by the local Army authorities.