

**Suspension of further Licensing
to Cement Industry**

4116. SHRI B. V. DESAI : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have suspended further licensing to the Cement industry ;

(b) if so, whether this was done because of the inability of the Department of Coal to allocate further quantities of coal for the proposed new cement plants ;

(c) whether this is expected to adversely affect the policy of not only attaining self-sufficiency in cement but also generating adequate exportable surpluses to pep up foreign exchange earnings ;

(d) whether Government are re-considering this decision ;

(e) whether suspending further licensing to the cement industry will greatly affect the various plans in the country ; and

(f) if so, to what extent ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI ARIF MOHAMMAD KHAN) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (f) : Do not arise.

**Delay in Implementation of Guna
Plant of the National Fertilizer
Ltd.**

4117. SHRI D. V. DESAI : Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state :

(a) whether most of the six gas-based giant fertilizer projects will be delayed in implementation despite directives from the highest levels to ensure that the time-bound programme for these plants as maintained ;

(b) whether apart from the Guna plant of the National Fertilizers Ltd., nearly all the other projects are facing uncertainty of various kinds ;

(c) if so, the main reasons for delay in these projects ; and

(d) whether any solution has been found ?

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS AND INDUSTRY AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI VEERENDRA PATIL) : (a) to (c) : Of the six gas-based fertilizer plants, in addition to these at Thal and Hazira, which are proposed to be set up during the 7th Five Year Plan, the implementation of Vijapur, Aonla and Jagdishpur projects has already commenced. While there has been some delay in the finalisation of the contractual arrangements in respect of the Jagdishpur project by the Company M/s. Indo-Gulf Fertilizers and Chemicals Corporation Ltd. (IGFCC) ; the progress of these three projects appears to be satisfactory at present.

The scheduled 'zero dates' for the remaining three fertilizer projects are given below :

Sl. No.	Location	Zero Date
1.	Billopa Village, Sawai Madhopur District, Rajasthan	1.4.1985
2.	Sabrala, Badaun District, U.P.	1.10.1985
3.	Shahjahanpur District, U.P.	1.4.1986