

**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 Vijaipur, 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

The fertilization of contractual arrangements in respect of the Sawai Madhopur Project has, however, been delayed by the project authorities, who have been expedited.

(d) The progress of these projects is reviewed and monitored periodically for ensuring that there are no delays in implementing them.

#### Production of Cement in Sixth and Seventh Plans

4118. SHRI B. V. DESAI : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether he has urged the cement industry to improve the productivity level ;

(b) if so, whether he has pointed out that notwithstanding the infra-structural constraints, there was scope for improvement in capacity utilisation which was 76 per cent at present ;

(c) whether the target of the cement production has been achieved in the Sixth Plan Period and if not, the reasons therefor ; and

(d) the efforts being made by Government to ensure that the cement target is achieved during the Seventh Five Year Plan period ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI ARIF MOHAMMAD KHAN) : (a) and (b) : Yes, Sir.

(c) Against the production target of 34.5 million tonnes by the terminal year of the Sixth Five Year Plan period, the production of cement achieved was around 30.10 million tonnes. The shortfall in production was mainly on account of infrastructure constraints.

(d) Efforts continue to be made to ensure that the targets for the Seventh Plan period are achieved by encouraging modernisation of the industry, establishment of new capacity and by closely monitoring availability of infrastructure services for the cement industry such as power, coal and railway wagons.

#### Cooking Gas Facility in Orissa

4119. SHRI JAGANNATH PATNAIK : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM be pleased to state :

(a) the number and names of the towns as well as cities of Orissa where cooking gas facility has been provided so far ;

(b) the number of cylinders supplied to the State annually for distributing ; and

(c) the number of towns where such facility is likely to be provided during the next two years ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM (SHRI NAWAL KISHORE SHARMA):

(a) Presently LPG facility is available at the following locations in Orissa :

1. Aksa
2. Balagaan
3. Bolangir
4. Baleshwar
5. Baripada
6. Berhampur
7. Bhubaneswar
8. Brijrajnagar
9. Burla
10. Chattarpur
11. Cuttack
12. Basbil