

Expansion of the K. K. Ranges in Ahmed Nagar, Maharashtra

2265. SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are contemplating to expand the K. K. Ranges in Ahmad Nagar, Maharashtra;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government propose to acquire 125 km. for this project;

(d) if so, what plans have been made to rehabilitate the villagers and agriculturists whose land will be acquired; and

(e) how soon one person from each uprooted family will be given a job as per Government's well established guideline ?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE SHRI P. V. NARASIMHA RAO : (a) to (e). A proposal to expand the K. K. Ranges is only at consideration stage. No final decision has yet been taken.

Financial requirement of Gas-based Fertilizer Projects in the Private Sector

2266. KUMARI PUSHPA DEVI : Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state :

(a) whether his Ministry has reassessed the financial requirement of the five gas-based fertilizer projects in private sector;

(b) if so, the total estimated cost of each of those five gas-based fertilizer plants after reassessment;

(c) whether some companies have requested the Government for a highest debt-equity ratio of 6:1; and

(d) if so, the steps taken by his Ministry thereon ?

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS AND INDUSTRY AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI VEERENDRA PATIL) : (a) and (b). Of the 5 companies which have been issued Letters of Intent for implementation of gas-based fertilizer projects, two are in the private sector and one each in the 'assisted', the co-operative and the public sector. The financial requirements of the two projects in the private sector and one in the 'assisted' sector, estimated to cost Rs. 700 crores each are to be assessed finally by the implementing agencies. The project costs, and consequential financial requirements, in respect of the public and cooperative sector plants are being re-computed, keeping in view the abolition of customs duty on capital goods meant for fertilizer projects and other related factors.

(c) No, Sir

(d) Does not arise.

Construction of State Quarters in Keonjhergarh (Orissa)

2267. SHRI HARIHAR SOREN : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have taken steps for the construction of some quarters for the telecommunication staff working in Keonjhergarh, Orissa ;

(b) if so, the number of quarters proposed to be constructed for the telecommunication staff in Keonjhergarh; and

(c) the year by which such quarters expected to be completed ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS : (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) 32 Quarters.

(c) By end of 1986 or early 1987.