

MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI R. PRABHU) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (d). Do not arise.

Gas-based Fertiliser Production

5669. DR. P. VALLAL PERUMAN : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have any proposal to introduce gas-based fertiliser production in various parts of the country in view of the successful commissioning of giant gas-based fertiliser plant in Hazira, Gujarat;

(b) whether Government are also considering the supply of gas to other industrial units including the power sector in other regions; and

(c) if so, whether Government would be able to meet the demand of gas both for industrial and domestic purposes ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF FERTILIZERS IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI R. PRABHU) : (a) Yes, Sir. Six more gas-based fertilizer plants four in Uttar Pradesh and one each in Madhya Pradesh and Rajasthan—have been/are being taken up for implementation.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Commitments of gas have been made to sectors other than fertilizers also. Gas will be available to meet all commitments of fertilizers and other sectors.

Rehabilitation of fertilizer plants

5670. SHRI PRATAPRAO B. BHOSALE : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to rehabilitate the existing fertilizer plants;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the expenditure estimated for such rehabilitation;

(d) whether some foreign agency has agreed to finance the rehabilitation of the fertilizer plants; and

(e) if so, the particulars of the agency and details of the agreement reached ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF FERTILIZERS IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI R. PRABHU) : (a) to (c). The following proposals alongwith their likely estimated costs have been received by the Government for revamping/rehabilitation of the existing fertilizers plants :

Expenditure estimate

A. Fertilizer Corporation of India Limited (FCI)

(i) Ramagundam Unit	Rs. 156.86 crores
(ii) Talcher Unit	Rs. 253.54 crores
(iii) Gorakhpur Unit	Rs. 39.00 crores

B. Fertilizer And Chemicals Travancore Limited (FACT)

(iv) Modernisation of Urea Plant, Cochin Division	Rs. 14 12 crores
(v) Additional Sulphuric Acid Plant at Cochin Division	Rs. 17.40 crores
(vi) Additional Ammonia storage installation at Cochin Port and Cochin Division	Rs. 18.49 crores
(vii) Modernisation of NPK plants at Cochin Division	Rs. 8.47 crores
(viii) Installation of captive power plant at Cochin Division	Rs. 18.78 crores