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Acquisition of Amphibian Aircraft by Lakshadweep

1178. SHRI P.M. SAYEED: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any proposal from the Lakshadweep Administration to acquire an amphibian aircraft during 1990-91; and

(b) if so, the decision taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY AND MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHAMMAD KHAN): (a) and (b). Vayudoot had a proposal to acquire an Amphibian aircraft for operations to and within Lakshadweep Islands, but it has not been pursued further due to constraint of resources.

[*Translation*]

Demand to Allow Private Sector in Petrochemical Field

1179. SHRI BALESHWAR YADAV: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any proposals have been received by Union Government from private sector for establishment of units in the field of petrochemicals;

(b) if so, whether Government have considered these proposals; and

(c) if so, the decision taken in this regard and if not, the time by which it is likely to be taken?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M.S. GURUPADASWAMY): (a) to (c). The proposals for establishment of units in the field of Petrochemical, including private sector parties are received from time to time. Decisions are taken on techno-economic considerations and this is a continuous process.

Development of Industrial Complex

1180 SHRI RAJVEER SINGH: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the supply of natural gas to the Industrial Complex being set up by the Department of Industries, U.P. is proposed to be made from Aonla Gas Terminal;

(b) if so, whether any concession in rates is proposed to be given to small scale industries to be set up in the said industrial complex; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M.S. GURUPADASWAMY): (a) Supply of natural gas is being made only to the fertilizer plant of IFFCO at Aonla. No proposal has been received from the U.P. Government for a gas based industrial estate near Aonla terminal. The supply of gas to such an estate in the future can be considered depending upon the availability of gas and overall gas utilisation policy.

(b) and (c). In the existing pricing policy there is no provision for grant of concession to small scale industries that may be set up in the area except for the standard discount of 15% given to all fallback users.