

(c) the number of such undertakings which have been closed or are likely to be closed in the near future due to their running in loss.

(d) down the main reasons of their sickness and the steps taken to restart them;

(e) whether the interest of labourers workers is likely to be safeguarded; and

(f) the details of the proposals regard-

ing establishment of new undertakings public sector in Gujarat?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND DEPARTMENT OF HEAVY INDUSTRY) (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI) (a) and (b). As on 31-3-1992, there were 10 Central Public Sector Enterprises with their registered office in the State of Gujarat. The details of net profit/loss of these enterprises are given below:

(Rs. in lakhs)

Sl. No.	Name of PSE	Net Profit/loss/during		
		1991-92	1990-91	1989-90
1.	Indian petroChemicals Ltd.	5502	5725	8124
2.	NTC (Gujarat) Ltd. -	3713	2195	2788

(c) and (d). No Central PSE has been closed down. However, NTC (Gujarat) Ltd. has been registered with BIFR for formulation of its revival/rehabilitation plan. The main reasons of losses include obsolete plant and machinery, excess labour employment, unhealthy condition from unorganised powerloom sector and steep rise in the cost of major inputs.

(e) National Renewal Fund has been set up as a safety net for protecting the interest of the workers likely to be affected.

(f) Setting up of new projects or expansion of existing projects in the Central Public Sectors are decided keeping in mind the techno-economic feasibility of the Projects and availability of the resources together with the balanced regional development of the country.

#### Promotion of Domestic Industry

1064. SHRI GERGE FERNANDES: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state: (a) whether the Federation of Indian Chamber of Commerce and Industry (FICCI) has urged the Government to provide a level-playing field to the domestic industry for competing with the foreign companies;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the reaction of the Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND DEPARTMENT OF HEAVY INDUSTRY) (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) and (b)

The President, Federation of Indian Chamber of Commerce and Industry (FICCI) in his speech at roundtable on Review of Current Industrial Scene had mentioned the need for creating a level-playing field for the domestic industry to withstand competition.

(c) Under the current economic reform programme various measures have already been taken to enable the domestic industry attain international competitiveness. The Government are however, open to suggestions from Industry as the process of Economic reforms is both interactive and continuous.

**Losses in Public Sector Fertilizer Plants**

1065. SHRI HARIN PATHAK: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether some public sector fertilizer plants are running in losses;

(b) if so, the details of such plants;

(c) the details of the capacity utilisation

in these plants in public sector, private sector and cooperative sector during the last three years;

(d) the reasons for losses and low capacity utilisation in public sector plants; and

(e) the steps taken by the Government to improve the performance of these plants?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ELECTRONICS AND DEPARTMENT OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI EDUARDO FALERIO): (a) and (b). During the year 1992-93, Hindustan Fertilizer Coproation of India (HFC), Fertilizer Corporation of India (FCI), Rashtriya Chemicals & Fertilizer Ltd. (RCR), Pyrites Phosphates & Chemicals Ltd. (PPCL) and Paradeep Phosphates Ltd. (PPL) recorded losses. The details of losses are as follows: (c) Overall capacity utilisation of the plants in the above companies was as follows:

<i>Sl No.</i>	<i>Name of the Company</i>	<i>Loss (Rs. crores)</i>
1.	H.F.C.	349.44
2.	FCI	245.50
3.	RCF	26.58
4.	PPCL	8.29
5.	PPL	80.94

(c) Overall capacity utilisation of the

plants in the above companies was as follows:-