

sumers that the said product is manufactured by the Glaxo Laboratories (India) Limited. The MRTP Commission is examining this complaint.

Modernisation and Diversification of National Fertilizers Limited

5479. SHRI B.V. DESAI : Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state :

(a) whether International bids are being evaluated for induction of new technology for the modernisation and diversification of National Fertilizers Ltd. which has been able to record a profit and production during 1984 ;

(b) if so, whether the National Fertilizers Ltd. was able to maintain its performance record despite the set-back that affected three of its units in the first six months ;

(c) whether any decision in regard to introducing a new technology for N.F.L. has been taken ;

(d) whether any agreement in this regard with foreign countries have been reached ; and

(e) if so, the details of the same ?

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS AND INDUSTRY AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI VEERENDRA PATIL) : (a) Yes, Sir. National Fertilizers Limited (NFL) is evaluating international bids for consultancy & services for the proposed replacement of old electrolysis plant with Naphtha based Hydrogen Plant at Nangal.

(b) Yes, Sir. The Company improved its performance during 1984-85 by achieving a production of 500935 MT of Nitrogen against 497901 MT during 1983-84 despite the setback during the first six months.

(c) and (d). No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.

Setting up of Soda Ash Plant in Gujarat

5480. SHRI B.V. DESAI : Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the soda ash plant with a capacity of one thousand tonnes a day is likely to be set up in Gujarat ;

(b) if so, whether it will be the largest joint sector project in India ;

(c) the total investment that will be made in setting up this soda ash plant ;

(d) whether any foreign assistance in this regard has been sought ; and

(e) the time by which the plant is likely to start production ?

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS AND INDUSTRY AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI VEERENDRA PATIL) : (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. It would be the largest joint sector project to manufacture Soda Ash in India.

(c) According to the company, the capital outlay of the project is Rs. 160 crores.

(d) The company has entered into a foreign technical collaboration against a lumpsum payment.

(e) According to the company, the trial production is likely to commence in the 3rd quarter of 1987.

Participation of Private Sector in Search for On-Shore Oil

5481. SHRI B.V. DESAI ;
SHRI G.G. SWELL ;
SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH :

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact both the India Oil Limited and the Oil and Natural Gas Commission have been asked to get private sector involved in the search for on-shore oil ;

(b) if so, whether India has already received applications from 16 companies with foreign tie-ups for drilling 10 exploration wells in Orissa ;

(c) whether these applications have been finalised ;

(d) if so, the details thereof ;

(e) the time by which these companies will be allowed for oil drilling in India ; and

(f) the conditions imposed on them ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM (SHRI NAWAL KISHORE SHARMA) : (a) With a view to developing indigenous capabilities, it was decided to encourage Indian companies setting up joint ventures with reputed foreign oil companies, for rendering oil field services on contract basis to ONGC and OIL.

(b) Oil India Limited have invited applications for prequalification from Indian Companies for a turnkey contract for drilling 4 on-shore wells in Orissa. 22 offers have been received.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) and (f). It would not be possible to indicate at this stage by when drilling will commence and the conditions that would be imposed under the contract.

[*Translation*]

Issue of Commemorate Postage Stamp in the Memory of Sant Kanwar Ram

5482. SHRIMATI USHA CHOUHDARI : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have received any representation to issue a postage stamp to commemorate the memory of Kanwar Ram, an immortal martyr and great saint of Sindhi Community on the occasion of his birth centenary; and

(b) if so, the time by which this stamp is likely to be issued ?

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

(b) A Philatelic Advisory Committee functions in the Department to advise the Government about issue of commemorative/special stamps and other philatelic matters. The proposal in respect of Sant Kanwar Ram was placed before the Committee but was not recommended. It is now proposed to place this proposal before the Committee for reconsideration at the next meeting.

[*English*]

Quality of Bajaj Scooters

5483. SHRI SOMJIBHAI DAMOR : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that day by day the quality of Bajaj Scooters is deteriorating and they are not maintaining the quality standard ; and

(b) the steps Government propose to take to maintain the quality control of scooters ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY & COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI ARIF MOHAMMAD KHAN) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Setting up of Synthetic Rubber Factories

5485. SHRI MOHANLAL PATEL : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM be