

(b) to (d). The area is covered under the District Industries Centre Programme launched on 1st May, 1978 for promotion of small tiny, village and cottage industries. Under this Programme all possible facilities pertaining to registration, finance, raw materials etc. are provided under 'Single Roof' as far as practicable at pre-investment, investment and post-investment stages.

[English]

Participation of N.R.I. in I.E.L.'s Fertilizer Project

2319. SHRI SANAT KUMAR MANDAL : Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Indian Explosives Limited's fertilizer project is likely to have Non-resident Indians (NRI) participation

(b) whether the NRI participation is one of the several alternatives being examined by the IEL to finance the massive gas-based fertilizer project it proposes to set up;

(c) if so, the extent of NRI participation envisaged; and

(d) the countries which are in view for tapping NRI participation ?

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS AND INDUSTRY AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI VEERENDRA PATIL) : (a) to (d). M/s. Indian Explosives Ltd. (IEL) are not implementing any gas-based fertilizer project at present. However, they have applied for allocation of a gas-based fertilizer project. Details regarding Non-resident Indian (NRI) participation, if any, will no doubt be furnished by IEL once a final decision is taken in the matter.

Shortage of Diesel in Kota (Rajasthan)

2320. SHRI SHANTI DHARIWAL : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware that there is acute shortage of diesel in Kota, Rajasthan;

(b) if so, whether Government are considering to provide more quota of diesel to Kota and Bundi districts which are agricultural areas of Rajasthan;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM (SHRI NAWAL KISHORE SHARMA) : (a) to (d) No report regarding shortage of diesel in Kota (Rajasthan) have been received. Diesel is available on free sale basis and no formal allocation of this product is made to States. The Oil Companies have instructions to meet the full demand of diesel.

Opening of Petrol Pump at Kota Railway Station

2321. SHRI SHANTI DHARIWAL : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM be pleased to state.

(a) whether Government have received any representation for opening a petrol pump at Kota Railway Station from people of that area ;

(b) if so, whether Government have taken any action there on so far;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the time by which Government propose to open a petrol pump there; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM (SHRI NAWAL KISHORE SHARMA) : (a) to (d). Based on the feasibility studies conducted from time to time and taking into consideration the existing volume-distance norms, there is presently no proposal to develop any retail outlet (petrol/diesel pump) at Kota Railway Station.

Expansion of Cooking Gas Agencies Network in Rajasthan

2322. SHRI VISHNU MODI : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to expand the cooking gas agencies network in Rajasthan;

(b) if so, the names of the places proposed to be allotted new gas agencies;

(c) the number of these places in rural areas and the number of urban areas;