

points opposite Pugging and Paling is already under construction.

Bhopal Gas Tragedy Mortality Estimates

3140. SHRI SURESH KURUP : Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state :

- (a) the latest estimate of mortality in the Bhopal gas tragedy;
- (b) the basis for this estimation;
- (c) whether the list of dead has been announced;
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor;
- (e) whether people have been asked to register the names of their dead kith and kin with Government; and
- (f) in cases where complete families were eliminated, the mechanism adopted by Government to ascertain the dead ?

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS AND INDUSTRY AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI VEERENDRA PATIL) : (a) to (f). As per latest information available from State Government the total number of deceased persons, subsequent to the accident, is stated to be 1430. The information is based on figures of Government Mortuary Bhopal, figures collected from burial grounds, cremation grounds, private nursing homes, Divisional Railway Authorities and local enquiries conducted in neighbouring villages as also figures received from District Magistrates of neighbouring districts.

A list of deceased persons was prepared and published for information of general public at the office of the Municipal Corporation, Bhopal, Police Control Room and at also Police Stations of the affected areas. It was also notified that members of the public may give information of such deceased persons whose names are not included in the list. In response to this a number of applications were received and scrutiny/inquiry of these is still in progress.

State Government has also got conducted a house to house survey, through various institutions, in the affected area.

The figure of dead indicated above is expected to undergo revision on account of the enquiries being conducted.

Shortage of Anti Rabies Vaccine in Bihar

3142. SHRI D. L. BAITHA : Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state ;

- (a) whether there has been acute shortage of anti-rabies vaccine in the country particularly in Bihar;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) the measures adopted to remedy the situation ?

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS AND INDUSTRY AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI VEERENDRA PATIL) : (a) to (c). My Ministry monitors the market availability of essential and life saving medicines based on the reports received from the State Drug Controllers, the Central Drugs Standard Control Organisation and public complaints.

No shortages of anti-rabies vaccines were reported in Bihar during January to March '85. However, localised shortage of this vaccine in Maharashtra was reported in February, 1985.

M/s. Haffkine, the concerned manufacturers of this vaccine, were advised immediately to rush stocks to the affected place and the Company has informed that they had done so.

Garden Supply Facilities in Cantonment Area, Secunderabad

3144. DR. G. VIJAYA RAMA RAO : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

- (a) the existing Garden supply facilities meeting the demand of the gardens in cantonment areas;
- (b) whether these facilities exist in cantonment like Secunderabad; and

(c) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI P. V. NARASIMHA RAO) : (a) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(b) and (c). The Garden facilities are available and maintained in an area of 24.34 acres in different localities of the Secunderabad Cantonment. The following gardens are being maintained in the Cantonment Board Area :

1. Picket Garden.
2. Trimulgherry.
3. Bolaraum.
4. Ornamental Garden on Gymkhana Road.
5. Bowenpally Garden.

Setting up of Gas-based Fertilizer Plant at Shahjahanpur, U. P.

3145. **SHRI JITENDRA PRASADA :** Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the letter of intent for setting up of a gas-based fertilizer plant at Shahjahanpur, U. P. as given to Shriram Fertilizers was later on withdrawn and given to Caparo Group;

(b) whether the Caparo Group is also reluctant to set up the same; and

(c) if so, the latest position of the same and the time by which the plant will be set up ?

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS AND INDUSTRY AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI VEERENDRA PATIL) : (a) to (c). Neither M/s. Shriram Fertilizers and Chemicals Ltd. nor

the Caparo Group have been given a Letter of Intent by the Government for setting up of a gas-based fertilizer plant at Shahjahanpur, U. P. M/s. Shriram Fertilizers and Chemicals Ltd. were earlier interested in implementing this project and the case for issue of a letter of intent to them was under consideration of the Government. Later on, they desired to withdraw their proposal due to financial and other problems. A few other parties, however, have shown very keen interest for taking up the project and Caparo Group, jointly with their Indian associates, are one of the parties, who have applied for grant of letter of Intent for the project; and this applicant has not shown any reluctance and has, on the other hand, been furnishing all required information/commitments, for processing of its application. A final decision regarding issue of Letter of Intent is, however, yet to be taken.

Increase in Prices of Oil Engines and Power Motors manufactured by Indigenous Companies

3146. **SHRI DILEEP SINGH BHURIA** Will the Minister of INDUSTRY AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the prices of oil engines and power motors being manufactured by the indigenous companies have been increased during the last three years;

(b) if so, how much; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to reduce their prices ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI ARIF MOHAMMAD KHAN) : (a) to (c). A statement showing index Numbers of Wholesale Prices of Diesel Engines, Internal Combustion Engines and Electric Motors for the years 1982-83, 1983-84 and 1984-85 is enclosed. There is no statutory price control by Government on these items.