

(e) whether any interest is paid to the consumers on the same, if so, the rate thereof; and

(f) if not, the reasons thereof ?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM (SHRI NAWAL KISHORE SHARMA) :** (a) Deposits are taken from consumers at the time of releasing a new gas connection or an additional cylinder.

(b) Rs. 450/- per 14.2 Kg, capacity cylinder and Rs. 50/- per domestic pressure regulator.

(c) Rs. 185.91 Crores.

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

(f) Apart from investment made on new cylinders/regulators while enrolling new customers, the oil industry has to plan, procure and maintain adequate equipment inventories. This involves large capital outlay, besides recurring expenditure on inspection, testing, repairs, rejection and replacements, design, research and development.

**Anomalies created by liberalisation of limit under MRTP Act**

**3177. SHRI SATYENDRA NARAYAN SINHA :** Will the Minister of INDUSTRY AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's decision to liberalise the provisions of MRTP Act has led to anomalies (Economic Times dated 20 March, 1985); and

(b) if so, Government's reaction thereof ?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI ARIF MOHAMMAD KHAN) :** (a) No, Sir, dominant undertakings which are merely small undertakings and are not large houses are not prohibited from diversifying into the manufacture of non-Appendix I items referred to in the Press Note dated 2.2.1973 as amended by Press Note dated 21.4.1982 of the Ministry of Industry; only large houses are under some restrictions in this regard.

(b) Does not arise.

**Production of Chemical Fertilizers by Rashtriya Chemicals and Fertilizers Ltd.**

**3178. SHRI S. G. GHOLAP :** Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state :

(a) the total installed capacity of Rashtriya Chemicals and Fertilizers Limited and its actual production; and

(b) the progress of new gas-based project at Thal-Vaishet and its production ?

**THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS AND INDUSTRY AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI VEERENDRA PATIL) :** (a) The installed capacity of Rashtriya Chemicals and Fertilizer Ltd. and its actual production during 1984-85 is as given below :

Nutrients	Installed cap. (MT/cnnum)	Production during 1984-85 (iu MT)
Nitrogen	316800	264900
P <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub>	120000	97000

(b) The Thal fertilizer project with an annual capacity of 891000 tonnes of ammonia and 1485000 tonnes of urea (equivalent to 683000 tonnes of nitrogen) is under commissioning and trial production is under progress. During trial production till 31st March, 1985, 74600 MT of ammonia and 106400 MT of urea equivalent to 48900 tonnes of nitrogen has been produced.

**Aquisition of Post Office building at Trichur-Ernakulam bye-pass**

**3179 SHRI P. A. ANTONY :** Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Trichur Municipal Council has approached the Posts and Telegraphs Department for acquiring the Post Office building standing in the midst of the proposed Trichur-Ernakulam bye-pass;

(b) if so, the delay in handling over the site, especially when the building is very old; and