

ENDRA PATIL) : (a) No such proposal has been received from the Government of West Bengal. However, they have recommended the application of M/s. Hindustan Lever Limited for grant of an Industrial Licence for setting up of a plant for the manufacture of Cracking Catalyst at Haldia, West Bengal.

(b) The proposal has been turned down by the Government on the ground that adequate capacity in this line of manufacture has been approved in favour of M/s. Projects and Development India Limited, a public sector company and there is no scope for licensing further capacity.

Industrial growth during the Financial Year 1984-85

1114. **SHRI B.V. DESAI** : Will the Minister of **INDUSTRY AND COMPANY AFFAIRS** be pleased to state :

(a) Whether the overall industrial growth rate is expected to cross the 7.5 per cent level in the current financial year;

(b) if so, whether this optimism is based on the current trend in industrial growth in the selected sectors of industry as also the uptrend in the overall general index for industrial production;

(c) whether the performance of the infrastructure industries is considered excellent;

(d) whether there are some seasonal factors which have an adverse impact on the industrial growth;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) to what extent Government are considering to improve the industrial growth during the next financial year also ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI ARIF MOHAMMAD KHAN) : (a) and (b), on the basis of Index of Industrial Production (provisional) from central Statistical organisation, industrial production recorded a growth rate of 6.6 per cent during April-November, 1984 over April-November, 1983. According to Economic Survey, 1984-85 the growth rate for the year as a whole is likely to be about 7 per cent.

(c) The index of production of six infrastructure industries, namely, electricity, coal saleable steel, petroleum refinery products, crude petroleum and cement registered a growth of 9.8 per cent during April-February, 1984-85 over the corresponding period a year ago.

(d) and (e). Various seasonal factors do have an impact on industrial production. The impact, however varies from industry to industry.

(f) The Approach Paper to the Seventh Plan (1985-90) envisages an average annual growth rate of 7 per cent during the plan period.

Establishment of Gas-based Fertilizer Plants during Seventh Plan period

1115. **SHRI AMARSINH RATHAWA : KUMARI PUSHPA DEVI** :

Will the Minister of **CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS** be pleased to state :

(a) the number of gas-based fertilizer plants approved for the Sixth Five Year Plan;

(b) the number out of them established, location thereof and the production capacity of each plant;

(c) whether there is any proposal to establish gas-based fertilizer plant during the Seventh Five Year Plan; and

(d) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS AND INDUSTRY AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI VEERENDRA PATIL) : (a) and (b). Apart from four fertilizer plants, two each at Thal Vaishet in Maharashtra and Hazira in Gujarat, six other gas-based fertilizer plants are proposed to be set up in a phased manner. While mechanical completion of the two plants located at Thal-Vaishet has been achieved, mechanical completion of the plants at Hazira is expected to be achieved shortly. Action has also been initiated for setting up 3 of the other 6 gas-based fertilizer plants. Work in respect of remaining 3 gas-based fertilizer plants will also be taken up in a phased manner. Details regarding location, production capacity and the phasing of these plants are given in the attached statement.