

(b) If so, whether necessary plan has been made to exploit the said mining zone soon;

(c) if so, the details of the plan; and

(d) if not, the time by which a plan will be made to exploit the said location ?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI VASANT SATHE) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d). Question does not arise.

Import of Equipment by Oil India Ltd.

238. SHRI R. P. DAS : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Oil India Ltd., a public sector undertaking, has sought permission from Government to import equipment as it has found indigenous equipment to be sub-standard; and

(b) if so, the facts thereof and Government's reaction thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI NAWAL KISHORE SHARMA) : (a) Oil India Ltd. seeks Government's permission from time to time to import equipment in the following circumstances :

(i) The equipment is not manufactured indigenously.

(ii) The indigenous offers do not meet the technical specifications indicated in the tender.

(iii) The delivery period does not match OIL's immediate requirements.

(iv) The price quoted by the indigenous parties is in excess of the limits laid down under the price preference scheme of the Government.

(b) Government decides each case on merit.

Petro-Chemical Projects planned in Seventh Five Year Plan

239. SHRI GADADHAR SAHA : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) the particulars of the petro-chemical projects planned to be taken up for construction during the Seventh Five Year Plan period;

(b) the State or States in which the projects have been sanctioned; and

(c) the estimated cost of each project ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETROCHEMICALS (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH) : (a) to (c). The following on going projects are planned to be implemented in the Central public sector during the 7th Five Year Plan period :

Name of the Project	State	Estimated capital cost
1	2	3
1. Maharashtra Gas Cracker Complex (IPCL)	Maharashtra	Rs. 1167 crores
2. Benzene Recovery Unit at Cochin Refineries Ltd. Cochin	Kerala	Rs. 59.40 crores
3. Caprolactam Project (Fertilizers and Chemicals Travancore Ltd.)	Kerala	Rs. 147.94 crores
4. Expansion of plants (IPCL), Baroda	Gujarat	
Polypropylene		Rs. 58.65 crores
Acrylic Fibre		Rs. 85.03 crores
Xylenes		Rs. 59.36 crores