

(d) Extra supplies were arranged from Mathura, Koyali, Bombay and Allahabad. With rectificatory steps at the Shakurbasti plants, the situation has improved.

11th Industrial Relations Conference

4224. SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether at the 11th Industrial Relations Conference of the Council of Indian Employers which commenced on February 21, 1986 at Bombay, he emphasised the need for modernisation of industry;

(b) if so, the other observations and suggestions made at the conference; and

(c) the Governments reaction thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM) : (a) In his Message for the 11th Industrial Relations Conference of the Council of Indian Employers, the Minister of Industry had emphasised the need for technology upgradation, modernisation and scientific advances in production process for increasing productivity in Indian industry.

(b) The various observations and suggestions made at the Conference have not so far been received from the Council.

(d) Does not arise.

Petro-chemical project near Hajira

4225. SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government of Gujarat have submitted another proposal to set up a new petro-chemical project near Hajira based on Natural Gas Liquid (NGL) from Bombay High besides the Gujarat State Petrochemicals Limited set up five years ago;

(b) if so, the details of the new project including its cost and production capacity envisaged thereunder; and

(c) the reaction of Government thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETROCHEMICALS (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Details of pending applications are not published until after Government has taken a view thereon.

(c) Issues such as viability of the projects, suitability of product mix, assured availability of feedstock and availability of financial resources, etc. are yet to be resolved with the State Government.

Underutilization of capacity and wide spread unemployment

4226. DR. G. S. RAJHANS : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware that due to under-utilisation of installed capacity of the Indian industry, there is widespread unemployment and shortage of goods in the country;

(b) if so, the steps Government propose to take to curb this tendency in the management of Indian industry; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM) : (a) to (c) While the level of capacity utilisation has a bearing on employment and availability of goods, it cannot be regarded as the main cause of unemployment and shortages. However, optimum utilisation of capacity continues to be a major objective of Government's Industrial Policy and several measures have been taken for raising production through better utilisation of capacity. This is being secured, inter alia, through suitable changes in industrial licensing and import policies as well as through monetary and fiscal measures and improvement in infrastructure.