

[Translation]

Amount spent on Treatment of Bhopal Gas Victims

4638. SHRI S.D. SINGH: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the amount being spent on the treatment of Bhopal gas victims each year;

(b) the number of persons likely to be cured completely and by what time they are likely to be cured; and

(c) the means of livelihood of the gas victims and their families?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) According to available information about Rs. 20 crores have been spent on providing medical facilities and for the medical treatment of the victims.

(b) and (c). Detailed medical documentation of the victims has been undertaken. In the meanwhile those requiring medical attention are receiving treatment in the special facilities that have been set-up for dealing with such cases.

Ex-gratia relief has been provided to the next of kin of the dead and to the affected families. Monthly pension is being provided to widows and destitutes who are also now receiving free food-grains. In addition, several worksheds have been set-up to provide training and employment to the needy victims. Financial assistance is also provided by the State Government under the Special Training and Employment Programme for Urban-Poor (STEP-UP). Till 31.1.1989, 22,169 families have received such assistance. Health and nutritional support is being provided to children and lactating mothers. Every effort is thus being made to provide means of livelihood to those gas victims and their families who require such assistance.

[English]

Setting up of Petrochemical Complexes

4639. SHRI SRIKANTHA DATTA NARSIMHARAJA WADIYAR: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of gas based petrochemical complexes proposed to be set up during 1989-90, Statewise; and

(b) the investment proposed to be made by Union Government in those projects, projectwise?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) and (b). One gas based petrochemical complex is under implementation at Nagothane in Maharashtra by Indian Petrochemicals Corporation Ltd., a public sector undertaking under this Ministry. The estimated capital cost of this complex is Rs. 1390 crores.

Manufacture of Tyres for Aeroplanes

4640. SHRI N. DENNIS: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether rubber producers are permitted to manufacture tyres for the aeroplanes; and

(b) if so, the firms which have been permitted to do so?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) and (b). There is no separate provision for grant of permission to rubber producers to manufacture any type of tyres. Two tyre manufacturing companies viz M/s Dunlop India Limited and M/s MRF Limited, have been permitted to manufacture tyres for aeroplanes.