

(b) whether any such request has come from Maharashtra or any other States; and

(c) whether Government have approved any such plants recently?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA):

(a) to (c). Yes, Sir. It is proposed to take up for implementation in Maharashtra two large sized nitrogenous fertilizer plants based on associated gas from the Bombay High structure and one plant at Namrup in Assam based on gas from the OIL and ONGC oil fields in Assam. There is also a proposal for setting up a large sized nitrogenous fertilizer plant in Gujarat.

Particulars of new petro-chemical Complex

120. SHRI K. MAYATHEVAR:
SHRI R. MOHANRANGAM:
SHRI S. D. SOMASUNDARAM:

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

(a) particulars of the new petro-chemical complexes being planned indicating proposed location, value and quantity of output envisaged and time span of completion;

(b) particulars of offer made, if any, by American, West German and British businessmen to move in and put up some of the projects; and

(c) the terms and conditions under which such foreign investments are proposed to be permitted?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA): (a) The matter is under consideration. Certain preliminary

studies have been carried out and plans for further development of Petrochemical Industry will be finalised as soon as possible.

(b) and (c). No specific proposal in this regard is under consideration of the Government.

Railway Accidents

121. SHRI K. MAYATHEVAR:
SHRI R. KOLANTHAIVELU:
SHRI C. K. CHANDRAPPAN:
SHRI VASANT SATHE:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the reasons for the alarming spate of accidents that occurred in the Railways during 1977;

(b) the percentage of accidents that could be attributable to failure of personnel and the action taken against the delinquent personnel; and

(c) the concrete steps proposed to streamline the efficient operation of Railways so as to prevent further accidents?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SHEO NARAIN): (a) The increase in the number of train accidents in the categories of collisions, derailments, accidents at level crossings and fires in trains, has not been alarming during 1977 as would be evident from the following statistics for the last four years:—

Calendar year	No. of train accidents
1977	837
1976	789
1975	1007
1974	882

(b) Out of 837 train accidents in 1977, 448 or about 53.4 per cent were attributable to failure of railway staff