

Fertiliser Factory at Kakinada

10163. **SHRI P. RAJAGOPAL NAIDU:** Will the Minister of PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are giving any assistance to start a fertiliser factory at Kakinada; and

(b) if so, the details of assistance?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI H. N. BAHUGUNA): (a) and (b) M/s. Nagarjuna Chemicals and Fertilisers Limited, a company promoted by M/s. Shaw Wallace were allowed in 1978 to take up a project for setting up a fuel oil based fertiliser plant with an annual capacity for the production of 2,28,000 tonnes of Nitrogen, 81,600 tonnes of P2O5 and 69,700 tonnes of K2O for implementation, on the company confirming that the financial arrangements had been satisfactorily tried up. Pending finalisation of the promoters' agreement, the company has not been able to tie up fully the financial arrangements and obtain assistance from the financing institutions. The project is in the joint sector promoted by the State Government and M/s. Shaw Wallace and it would be for the promoter/promoters to arrange for the required funds. While there is no financial participation by the Central Government in the project, the Government of India would render such other assistance as would be required to enable the project to be proceeded with.

Aid for Steel Plant by U.K.

10165. **SHRI P. A. SANGMA:**
SHRI CHATURBHUJ
SHRI JANARDHANA
POOJARY:

Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state: . . .

(a) whether it is a fact that the U.K. Government have offered Rs. 100 million aid to India for setting up a steel plant for one of the public sector projects; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI KARIA MUNDA): (a) and (b). The Government of U.K. have indicated that in principle British aid around £100 million might be available for establishing a new coastal steel plant. This would of course be subject to a satisfactory and detailed project report and investment decision being taken. Discussions have been held with a British Team who are expected to formulate and send shortly their proposals on the subject.

Purchase of Chieftain Tanks

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SHRI G. M. BANATWALLA:
SHRI MANORANJAN
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SHRI VIJAY KUMAR N.
PATIL:

Will the DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND MINISTER OF DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the press reports published in the Times of India dated 10th April, 1979 wherein it has been stated that Britain is trying to sell the latest version of its Chieftain Tanks to India after the cancellation of the order of 1300 such tanks by Iran, and

(b) if so, what are the facts in regard thereto?

THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI JAGJIVAN RAM): (a) and (b). There is no proposal under consideration to purchase the latest version of the Chieftain tanks from Britain.