

(b) If so, the details and reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI KARIA MUNDA):

(a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Korba Fertiliser Plant

7293. SHRI GANANATH PRADEAN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount spent so far for the construction of the Korba Fertilizer Plant;

(b) whether it is a fact that the construction work of that project has been suspended; and

(c) if so, the reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI H. N. BAHUGUNA): (a) An amount of Rs. 21.60 crores has been spent up to 31-3-79 on the Korba fertilizer project.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The implementation of the project was slowed down in middle on 1974 due to resources constraint. It was also decided that further implementation of the project as well as setting up of additional capacity, based on coal as feedstock, should be considered only after experience becomes available on the operation of the two coal based plants presently under commissioning at Talcher and Ramagundam.

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Setting up of Petro-Chemical Complex in Madhya Pradesh based on By-products of Mathura Refinery

7294. SHRI SUKHENDRA SINGH: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a proposal submitted by Madhya Pradesh Government for setting up petrochemical complexes based on the by-products of Mathura Refinery is under consideration of Government;

(b) if so, details therein; and

(c) his reaction thereof?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI H. N. BAHUGUNA): (a) Yes, Sir. Similar proposals have been sent by other States staking their claims for such a complex.

(b) The proposal is for setting up a fertilizer-cum-petrochemical complex in Madhya Pradesh based on Mathura Refinery products.

(c) No final decision in this regard has yet been taken.

Demand of West Bengal Government for change in working of Akashvani and Doordarshan

7295. SHRI C. R. MAHATA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that West Bengal Government has demanded a change in the planning and working of the Akashvani and Doordarshan so that they can reflect the political, social and cultural life of the state; and

(b) if so, what action so far has been taken in the matter by the Central Government?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI L. K. ADVANI): (a) and (b). No specific request has been received from the