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**Setting up of Fertilizer Plants during next Five Year Plan**

653. SHRI AMARSINH V. RATHAWA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to construct more fertilizer Plants in the country during the next Five Year Plan; and

(b) if so, the names of the States earmarked?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI VEERENDRA PATIL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) It has been decided to set up four large sized fertilizer plants, two each at Thal in Maharashtra and Hazira in Gujarat based on Bombay High/Bassein gas and one more fertilizer plant at Namrup in Assam based on the gas available from the oil fields of ONGC and Oil India Ltd. These plants are in addition to Kandla (Expansion) plant of Indian Farmers Fertilizers Cooperative Ltd.

and Kanpur (Expansion) plant of Indian Explosives Ltd., which are under implementation.

A Working Group set up by the Government has recommended that it should be possible to consider setting up of six more fertilizer plants based on the additional gas expected to be available from the Bombay High/Bassein structures. A decision on the locations of additional gas based fertilizer plants can be taken only after detailed studies regarding the availability of infrastructure, the demand pattern, etc. have been completed.

**Rice and Wheat allotted to West Bengal**

654. SHRI ANANDA PATHAK: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of rice, wheat allotted to West Bengal during the last one year, month-wise; and

(b) the demand received from West Bengal during the above period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI R. V. SWAMINATHAN): (a) and (b). A statement showing demand and allotment of wheat for Public Distribution and Roller Flour Mills and of rice for Public Distribution in respect of West Bengal for the period from January 1979 to March, 1980, is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

**Statement**

(Figures in thousand tonnes)

Month	Demand			Allotment		
	Wheat			Wheat		
	Rice	P.D.	Mills	Rice	P.D.	Mills
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1979						
January . . . . .	125	250	55	125	250	55
February . . . . .	125	250	55	125	250	55

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
March . . . . .	125	250	55	125	250	55
April . . . . .	125	250	55	125	250	55
May . . . . .	125	250	55	125	250	55
June . . . . .	125	250	55	125	250	55
July . . . . .	125	250	55	125	250	55
August . . . . .	125	250	55	125	250	55
September . . . . .	150	250	55	150	150	55
October . . . . .	150	250	55	150	150	55
November . . . . .	150	250	55	150	150	55
December . . . . .	150	250	55	150	150	55
1980						
January . . . . .	150	250	55	150	150	55
February . . . . .	150	250	55	150	150	55
March . . . . .	150	250	55	150	150	55

### Pay Scale of Employees of Kosan Gas Company

655. SHRI PIUS TIRKEY:

SHRI K. PRADHANI:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 1 regarding taking over of M/s. Kosan Gas Company on the 28th January, 1980 and state:

(a) the present pay scale of employees of the Kosan Gas Company and its subsidiary firms, Delhi Gas Company and Natural Gas Company, category-wise;

(b) the proposed pay scale of employees of the Kosan Gas Company and its subsidiary firms, Delhi Gas Company and Natural Gas Company, category-wise, after taking over; and

(c) the present pay scale of employees of the Hindustan Petroleum, category-wise?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI VEERENDRA PATIL): (a) The erstwhile Kosan Gas Company did not have any specific scales of pay for its employees except those working at Mahul in Bombay under a Long Term Settlement which expired on 13-12-79. These are as under:

*Supervisory :*

- (1) Rs. 600—1000
- (2) Rs. 400—800
- (3) Rs. 400—750
- (4) Rs. 200—500

*Clerical :*

- (1) Rs. 400—750
- (2) Rs. 200—500
- (3) Rs. 175—325
- (4) Rs. 125—225