

Take over of Coal Mines

269. SHRI INDRAJIT GUPTA: Will the Minister of ENERGY AND IRRIGATION AND COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have a proposal under consideration to take over all coal mines which are being operated illegally in Bihar at present; and

(b) if so, the details and what steps are being taken in this direction?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY AND COAL (SHRI A.B.A. GHANI KHAN CHAUDHURI): (a) According to information available, at present no coal mine is being operated illegally in Bihar.

(b) Does not arise.

Functioning of Modern Fertilizer Plants

270. SHRI ARJUN SETHI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) the details regarding the modern fertilizer plants functioning in India at present State-wise;

(b) whether these plants are sufficient to meet the fertilizer requirements of the additional population in the coming decades; and

(c) if not, the arrangements Government have made to increase the production of organic and chemical fertilizers?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI VEERENDRA PATIL): (a) A statement giving the State-wise location and capacity of the major fertilizer plants producing nitrogenous, complex and phosphatic fertilizers is enclosed.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) As part of a large scale programme to augment indigenous fertilizer capacity, 9 large sized fertilizer projects are at present under implementation. While the fertilizer capacity would substantially increase with the implementation of these projects, the production would still inadequate to meet the demand for fertilizers in future. It is, therefore, proposed to take up further programme for expansion of fertilizer capacity in the country. It has already been decided to set up 5 large sized gas based fertilizer plants, two each at Thal in Maharashtra and Hazira in Gujarat based on the gas available from the Bombay High/Bassein structure, and one plant at Namrup in Assam based on the gas available from the oil fields of ONGC and Oil India Limited. Besides, M/s. Nagarjuna Fertilizers Ltd. are setting up a large sized fuel oil based fertilizer plant at Kakinada in Andhra Pradesh.

It is also proposed to take up a few large sized phosphatic fertilizer projects during the Sixth Five Year Plan with a view to narrowing the gap between the demand and indigenous production of phosphatic fertilizers.

Emphasis is also being laid by the Ministry of Agriculture on maximum exploitation of the potential for production of organic fertilizers including compost, bio-gas development, use of bio-fertilizers, sewage/sullage utilisation, etc. Large sized mechanical compost plants have also been set up in various urban areas such as Ahmedabad, Baroda, Bangalore, Bombay, Calcutta and Jaipur; the plants at Delhi and Kanpur are nearing completion. About 80,000 bio-gas plants are reported to have been set up in the country. Necessary guidelines have also been sent to the State Governments for giving a substantial push to the programme for organic fertilizers.

Statement

Details of Major Fertilizer Plants in Operation

State	Name of Plant	Capacity (in '000 tonnes)	
		Nitrogen	P ₂ O ₅
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
Assam	Namrup I	45	..
	Namrup II	152	..
Andhra Pradesh	Vizag	84	104
Bihar	Sindri Modernisation (including old plant)	219	..
	Sindiri (Rationalisation)	..	150
	Barauni	152	..
Goa, Daman and Diu	Goa	171	42
Gujarat	Baroda	236	50
	Kalol/Kandla	215	127
Haryana	Panipat	235	..
Kerala	Udyogamandal	82	44
	Cochin I	152	..
	Cochin II	40	114
Karnataka	Mangalore	156	..
Maharashtra	Trombay	90	45
	Trombay IV	75	75
Orissa	Rourkela	120	..
Punjab	Nangal	80	..
	Nangal Expansion	152	..
	Bhatinda	235	..
Rajasthan	Kota	152	..
	Khetri	..	90
Tamil Nadu	Neyeli	70	..
	Madras	176	112
	Ennore	16	10
	Tuticorin	258	73
Uttar Pradesh	Kanpur	207	..
	Gorakhpur	131	..
	Varanasi	10	..
West Bengal	Durgapur	152	..