

Loss in Fertilizer production2111. **SHRI B. V. DESAI:****SHRI P. M. SAYEED:**

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

(a) whether fertilizer production which has suffered a colossal loss this year owing to numerous factors, including the Assam agitation, is expected to pick up subsequently;

(b) if so, whether it is also a fact that an all time high production of 2.26 lakh tonnes of nitrogenous fertilizer valued at Rs. 100 crores was recorded during December last year;

(c) if so, whether this encouraging trend in fertilizer production is expected together further momentum with the recommissioning of Goa fertilizer plant which had to be shut down five months back;

(d) if so, whether all the fertilizer projects have started increasing their production;

(e) if so, to what extent; and

(f) to what extent fertilizer production will rise during 1981-82?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI P. C. SETHI): (a) to (c). Yes, Sir.

(d) and (e). Production in the fertilizer plants which were affected earlier by limitations of feedstock inputs and power has shown considerable improvement during the past few months except in the case of Gorakhpur and Namrup plants. These plants are still affected by inadequate availability of feedstock.

(f) The production of fertilizers in 1981-82 is expected to show a marked improvement over that in 1980-81.

Aid Programme on Hindustan Petroleum Corporation

2112. **SHRI K. PRADHANI:** Will the Minister of **PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS** be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Hindustan Petroleum Corporation has enlarged its aid programme for Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe students;

(b) if so, the total number of scholarships proposed to be given at the University level;

(c) whether such scholarship will be given to the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes students studying in the Universities of Orissa; and

(d) if so, the total number of scholarship proposed to be given to them?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI P. C. SETHI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) All the scholarships are for college-going SC/ST students. This scheme was started in 1976 with 6 scholarships. This number has been increased to 25 for the academic year 1980-81.

(c) and (d). At present, this scheme covers only Refinery areas viz. Bombay and Vizag. When the scheme is further extended it may be possible to cover other areas including Universities in Orissa.

M/s. Mackinnon Mackenzie2113. **SHRI K. LAKKAPPA:****SHRI H. N. GOWDA:****SHRI D. M. PUTTE GOWDA:**

Will the Minister of **LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS** be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that M/s. Mackinnon Mackenzie, a leading shipping company is heading towards