

Fertilizer Factory in M. P.

195. SHRI SURYA NARAYAN SINGH: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a four member committee under Shri K. C. Sharma visited Piploda near Nagda Jn. (M.P.) to inspect site for establishing a fertilizer factory;

(b) if so, whether Government have received the report;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Committee has suggested Piploda as an ideal place from all points of view of establishing a fertilizers factory; and

(e) if so, Government's decision, thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) to (e). A Site Selection Committee under the chairmanship of Shri K. C. Sharma has been appointed to recommend the optimum locations for the proposed six additional gas-based fertilizer plants. One of these plants is likely to be located in Madhya Pradesh. The Committee is at present conducting a detailed study of the various possible locations suggested by the State Government including on the spot visits to various sites, Piploda being one of them. A decision on the exact location of the fertilizer plant to be set up in Madhya Pradesh can be taken only after the Committee has completed its study and submitted its recommendations to the Government.

New gas based fertilizer plants

196. SHRI DAULAT SINHJI: JADEJA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) the number and details of the new gas-based fertilizers plants which

are to be set up as recommended by the Satish Chandra Committee;

(b) the action taken by Government on the recommendations;

(c) the number of gas-based fertilizer plants which are to be set up in Gujarat State;

(d) the site selected by the Government;

(e) the production capacity of fertilizer allocation; and

(f) at what stage the project start and when it will be cleared by the Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) The Satish Chandra Committee recommended that, in addition to the 4 fertilizer plants, 2 each at Thal Vaishet in Maharashtra and Hazira in Gujarat which are now under implementation, 6 more fertilizer plants each of 1350 tonnes per day ammonia capacity could be set up in the northern region which accounts for the largest fertilizer deficit based on the additional gas expected to be available from the Bombay High/Bassein areas.

(b) Government have appointed a Site Selection Committee to recommend locations for these plants.

(c) to (f). The gas-based fertilizer complex at Hazira in Gujarat will comprise 2 ammonia plants of 1350 tonnes per day capacity each and 4 urea plants of 1100 tonnes per day capacity each. The project has been cleared by Government in November, 1979. The contracts for consultancy services for urea and ammonia plants have been approved by Government in January, 1981 and February, 1981, respectively.