

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI R. V. SWAMINATHAN): (a) and (b) The requirements of fertilizers are worked out for each cropping season before its commencement, in consultation with the State Governments, etc. For the current Kharif, 1982, (February—July, 1982) the gross requirements in the country have been assessed as 30 lakh tonnes of Nutrients (N+P+K). Of this, 23 lakh tonnes of Nutrients (N+P) are expected to be supplied by the manufacturers through the indigenous production. Similar assessment for Rabi, 1982-83 (August, 82—January, 83) will be made in July, 1982.

Setting up Fertilizer Plants in joint venture by IFFCO

2315. **SHRI AJIT BAG:** Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to set up more fertilizer plants either by joint venture or its own by the Indian Farmers Fertilizer Cooperative (IFFCO) in the near future;

(b) if so, when and details thereof; and

(c) names of those places where these plants are to be set up?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRIES OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT (KUMARI KAMLA KUMARI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Indian Farmers Fertilizer Cooperative Ltd. (IFFCO) along with Southern Petro-chemical Industries Corporation (SPIC) and the Government of India is participating in a Phosphoric Acid and finished fertilizer

manufacturing unit being set up in Senegal (West Africa). All the Indians Participants together will invest about Rs. 18 crores constituting about 20 per cent of the equity capital of about Rs. 88.0 crores in return for an assured supply of 110,000 tonnes of P_2O_5 per annum in the form of Phosphoric Acid produced in this joint venture Project in Senegal. IFFCO will be contributing a total of about Rs. 8.0 crores out of the investment from India and expects to receive about 50,000 tonnes of P_2O_5 per year, for 15 years, after the plant goes into production sometime during 1984.

IFFCO also proposes to participate in the joint sector Project for the setting up of a Di-ammonium Phosphate (DAP) Plant with a capacity of 315,800 tonnes/year at Kakinada (Andhra Pradesh), which is being promoted by the Government of Andhra Pradesh. The Project cost is estimated at about Rs. 83.0 crores of which the equity is placed at Rs. 17.8 crores. The Government of Andhra Pradesh and IFFCO propose to contribute 26 per cent and 25 per cent respectively towards the equity while the balance is proposed to be raised by public subscription. The proposal is in the preliminary stages and will take about 3 years for implementation from the Zero Date, after necessary approvals of the project/investment have been obtained.

IFFCO proposes to set up one Ammonium Chloride-Soda Ash Plant at Phulpur for manufacturing 66,000 tonnes per year of ammonium chloride and 66,000 tonnes/year of soda ash involving an investment of about Rs. 37 crores. The project will take about 3 years for implementation from the Zero Date, after obtaining necessary approvals from the appropriate authorities. IFFCO also proposes to take up the setting up of one fertiliser plant based on Bombay High Gas with an installed capacity of 1350 tonnes of ammonia and 2200 tonnes of urea/day. The location cost and other details have not yet been worked out.