

संघार मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री योगेन्द्र मकवाना): (क) विवरण नीचे दिया गया है :—

(1) भीलवान टेलीफोन एक्सचेंज से मांग पंजीकृत की गई है। कनेक्शन शीघ्र ही दे दिया जाएगा।

(2) 29-6-1982 को जंतराल एक्सचेंज से कनेक्शन पहले दे दिया गया है।

(3) धर्मपुर एक्सचेंज के स्थान पर कडी एक्सचेंज से टेलीफोन की मांग है, इस मामले की जांच की जा रही है और शीघ्र ही अंतिम निर्णय लिया जाएगा।

(4) कोई मांग पंजीकृत नहीं है।

(ख) यथा संभव शीघ्र कनेक्शन दे दिए जाएंगे बशर्ते कि भंडार उपलब्ध हो और एक्सचेंज में क्षमता हो।

#### Setting up third gas based fertilizers Project in Gujarat

751. SHRI R. P. GAEKWAD: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Gujarat Government has submitted a detailed recommendation for setting up a third gas-based fertilizer project as an expansion of the existing facility at Gujarat Narmada Valley Fertilizers Co. at Bharuch;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the quantity of natural gas available from Bombay High and South Bassein Gas Fields will be able to support more than ten gas based fertilizers plants.

(c) whether it is a fact that in view of the ready availability of infrastructure and associated facilities, Gujarat is in a position to set up a third gas based fertilizer plant;

(d) if so, whether an early clearance of the project is expected; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM,

CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (e). After the discovery of gas in the Bombay High/and Bassein fields, Government decided to set up 2 large sized fertilizer plants in Maharashtra and 2 in Gujarat. Government set up a Working Group to go into the question of building up additional nitrogenous capacity based on surplus gas. After making detailed techno-economic studies, the Group recommended that it would be more economical to build gas based fertilizer plants in the northern areas of consumption by piping gas to these areas than to build plants near the gas source on the West coast and transport finished fertilizers to the consuming areas. Government have, therefore, decided to build one gas based plant in Madhya Pradesh, one in Rajasthan and 4 in Uttar Pradesh. With the existing plants and those under construction, Gujarat State is expected to have a surplus of over 5 lakh tonnes of nitrogen by 1989-90 and this surplus will have to be transported to the areas of consumption in the North. In the light of these facts, there does not appear to be, *prima facie*, a case for an additional fertilizer plant in Gujarat, despite the availability of infrastructure and associated facilities. However, the State Government of Gujarat have submitted a detailed memorandum recommending the proposal for the 3rd gas based plant and the proposal is being processed for a decision.

#### Drinking of Bhimilipatnam and Madhuravada with Visakhapatnam Through Direct Dialing System

752. SHRI K. A. SWAMI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of public representations for a comprehensive telephone development proposal covering Bhimilipatnam, Madhuravada and Visakhapatnam; and

(b) the schedule of implementation of the proposal to link the above places with Visakhapatnam through direct dialling with unit fee untimed tariff?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No schedule has been laid down for implementation of the proposal. However direct dialling between Madhurwada and Visakhapatnam has already been provided. As regards Bhimilipatnam direct dialling to Visakhapatnam on Unit Fee basis is not proposed at present.

खादी तथा ग्रामद्योग की वस्तुओं की खरीद में कमी करना

753. श्री कंवर राम : क्या पूर्ति और पुनर्वासि मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या पूर्ति तथा निपटान महानिदेशालय ने हाल ही में खादी तथा ग्रामोद्योग की वस्तुओं की खरीद में कमी की है ; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो इस बारे में क्या उपचारात्मक उपाय किए जा रहे हैं ?

पूर्ति और पुनर्वासि मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री बूटा सिंह): (क) खादी तथा ग्रामोद्योग की वस्तुओं की खरीद में कमी करने के संबंध में कोई निर्णय नहीं लिया गया है। पूर्ति और निपटान महानिदेशालय, प्रयोक्ता विभागों से प्राप्त मांगपत्रों के आधार पर ही भण्डार की अधिप्राप्ति का प्रबन्ध करता है, तथा खरीद की मात्रा, प्रयोक्ता विभागों की मांग में घट-बढ़ के अनुसार, बदलती रहती है। इसके अतिरिक्त प्रयोक्ता विभाग अपनी प्रदत्त शक्तियों की सीमा तक सीधे खरीद भी कर सकते हैं, जिसे 1980 में 50,000 रु. से बढ़कर 1,00,000 रु. कर दिया गया है।

(ख) उपर्युक्त (क) की दृष्टि से प्रश्न ही नहीं उठता।

### Agreement with Saudi Arabia for Import of Crude

754. SHRI RAVINDRA VARMA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any agreement has been signed with Saudi Arabia for import of crude oil during the current year;

(b) the quantity that will be supplied and the cost involved;

(c) whether Soviet Union has agreed to supply 2.5 million tonnes of crude this year; and

(d) if so, the cost and the delivery period?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI P. SHIV SHANKAR): (a) and (b) Yes Sir. The contract finalised this year provides for supply of crude oil at the rate of about 2 million tonnes per year. This year about 1.2 million tonnes of crude oil will be supplied under this contract at an estimated cost of Rs. 270.00 crores, based on the prevailing prices.

(c) and (d). Yes Sir. The contract provides for the supply of about 2.5 million tonnes of crude oil during 1982. The approximate cost of crude oil to be imported during 1982 would be Rs. 535 crores, based on the prevailing prices.

### Progress made in Thal Vaishet Fertilizers Plants

755. SHRI D. P. YADAV: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) the progress made in respect of Thal Vaishet plants; and

(b) whether there are even now any difficulties in obtaining foreign assistance for these projects, if so, further arrangements being made to meet the difficulties?