

Consortium of Foreign Companies for setting up Gas Based Fertilizer plant

1410. SHRI K. MALLANNA:

SHRI HARINATH MISRA:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that some foreign companies who are world leaders in fertilizer technology and a public sector consultancy have taken initiative to form a consortium for setting up a gas-based fertilizer plant in the country; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) Government are not aware of any such proposal.

(b) Does not arise.

Introduction of National Programme on T.V.

1411. SHRIMATI GEETA MUKHERJEE:

SHRI E. BALANANDAN:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) is it a fact that a number of States are objecting to the introduction of the national programme on the television;

(b) how much time is being allocated to the said programme and what are item-wise break-up of time for each type of item; and

(c) how much total time is being left for the local programme in each T.V. Centre?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI ARIF MOHAMMAD KHAN): (a) to (c). The proposal for a National Programme was discussed at length in the

Conference of State Ministers' of Information held on 3rd July, 1982. The idea was welcomed unequivocally by almost all States.

2. The National Programme is being telecast for 1-1/2 hours from 8.30 p.m. to 10.00 p.m. in order that a major chunk of 1 1/2 hours out of the two hours of prime viewing time (7.00 p.m. to 9.00 p.m.) is available for regional programmes. The item-wise broad break-up of telecast time of various programmes put out under the National Programme between 15-8-1982 and 14-9-1982 is as under:

Format	No. of programmes/ items	Duration hour—minute
Plays	6	2-50
Discussion	7	2-50
Quiz	3	1-30
Documentary	6	1-30
Music	22	7-20
Sports	9	3-50
Dance	6	2-40
Others	16	7-20
	75	30-00

3. The total telecast time of the TV Centres has also increased to avoid reduction in the telecast time of regional programmes.

World Bank loan for Rural Electrification

1412. SHRI SUBHASH YADAV:

SHRI M. RAMGOPAL:

Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether any loan has been obtained by Government of India from the World Bank during the current

financial year for the Rural Electrification Programme in various States of the country;

(b) amount of loan earmarked for the Rural Electrification for each State of the country; and

(c) the number of villages likely to be electrified in each State during the current financial year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI VIKRAM MAHAJAN): (a) The International Bank for reconstruction and development (IBRD) has agreed to lend U.S. dollars 304.5 million to the Govt. of India for expansion and improvement of rural electrification in the country.

(b) The amount of loan tentatively earmarked for each State is given as under:

State	Amount (Million \$)
1. Andhra Pradesh	29.36
2. Bihar	21.70
3. Gujarat	16.23
4. Haryana	8.37
5. Karnataka	10.21
6. Kerala	3.90
7. Madhya Pradesh	43.79
8. Maharashtra	30.21
9. Orissa	14.85
10. Punjab	20.93
11. Rajasthan	20.65
12. Tamil Nadu	10.95
13. Uttar Pradesh	33.44
14. West Bengal	19.41
	284.00

Central Training Institute for Rural Electrification	1.00
Unallocated	15.00
Fee to World Bank	4.50
TOTAL :	304.50

(c) No village will be electrified during the current financial year under the above loan, as procurement of materials for Rural Electrification Project will take place during the years 1983-84 and 1984-85.

Comprehensive social security Scheme

1413. SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND REHABILITATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether a comprehensive social security package for workers is being thought out in view of the need to rationalise the existing individual social security schemes like provident fund and Employees State Insurance, etc.; and

(b) if so, the details of this scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND REHABILITATION (SHRIMATI MOHSINA KIDWAI): (a) and (b). The question of rationalisation of the existing social security schemes, including provident fund and ESI Scheme and replacing them, if possible, by a comprehensive social security scheme has been engaging the attention of the Government for some time but no final decision has been taken in the matter so far.

Industries hit seriously by power cuts

1414. SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the industry has been very seriously hit by constant power cuts and trippings