

(b) if so, the time by which this demand is likely to be met?

**THE MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE AND PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI H. R. GOKHALE):** (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The matter is under consideration, and a decision will be taken as early as possible.

**Showing of Profit in balance sheet of FCI by deferring expenses**

**4072. SHRI JAGDISH NARAIN MANDAL:** Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether current marketing expenses worth crores of rupees have been deferred for adjustment in coming five years to show profit in balance sheet of Fertilizer Corporation of India this year.

(b) whether Government agree with this practice; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor?

**THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI DALBIR SINGH):** (a) to (c). The annual Report and the accounts of the Fertilizer Corporation of India for the year ending 31st March, 1972 have not yet been placed before the shareholders at the Annual General Body Meeting of the undertaking for consideration and approval.

**Proper utilisation of Gas in Gujarat**

**4073. SHRI SOMCHAND SOLANKI:** Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the gas in Gujarat is being burnt uselessly;

(b) if so, whether Government contemplate to utilise it for consumption; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

**THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI DALBIR SINGH):** (a) to (c). Keeping in view the availability of gas from established fields like Ankleswar, Kalol, Nava-gam and Cambay in Gujarat, gas supply commitments to various industries consumers have been made and supplies are being made for the past several years. However, for the fields which are presently in an initial production stage, no commitments for the supply of gas have been made due to lack of data on the gas potentialities of these fields. Gas produced from such structures will have to be flared till such time as the required data become available and arrangements for supply are made. Presently, a number of such structures are under initial production stage in Gujarat.

The associated gas produced along with crude oil is separated from oil at different pressures at the group gathering stations. Presently, the high pressure gas from the established oil-fields at Ankleswar and Nava-gam is transported through pipelines for supply to the consumers and the low pressure gas is flared.

In fields like Ankleswar and Nava-gam arrangements are being made to install compressors for compressing the low pressure gas for supply to industries.

**Fertilizer projects in public sector with Japanese collaboration**

**4074. SHRI M. SUDARSANAM:** Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state.

(a) whether there is any proposal to start new fertilizer projects in the public sector with Japanese collaboration; and

(b) if so, the places where these projects are likely to be located?