

Plan for production of certain chemicals by Hindustan Insecticides Limited

1121. SHRI D. D. DESAI;
SHRI RAGHUNANDAN LAL BHATIA:

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

(a) whether Hindustan Insecticides Limited plans to take up manufacture of some vitally needed chemicals and newer pesticides by using indigenous technology;

(b) whether schemes have reached the final state of implementation;

(c) if so, broad features thereof;

(d) the total investment that the schemes will entail;

(e) whether any steps have been taken to manufacture basic pesticides and formulations of new products; and

(f) if so, the broad outlines thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI K. R. GANESH): (a) Yes, sir,

(b) No, Sir.

(c) to (f). A statement is attached.

Statement

In recent years, several new and sophisticated pesticides have been pressed into use in the various countries for crop protection and public health purposes. It was considered that Hindustan Insecticides Limited, which is engaged in the production of the two insecticides viz., DDT, and B.H.C. should proceed to expand/diversify its product mix, which could also improve further its profitability. For this purpose a Committee of Experts was set up in 1970 to recommend

the product lines that could be taken up by Hindustan Insecticides Limited. Based on the recommendations of this Committee and also the demand of pesticides for Fifth Plan as estimated by the Task Force on pesticides set up by the Planning Commission, the following schemes have been included in the draft Fifth Five Year Plan:—

S. No.	Name of the project	Capacity	Estimated capital cost
			Rs.lakhs
1.	Endosulfan	1600 TPA	941
2.	Malathion	1800 TPA	220
3.	D.D.T.	5000 TPA	739
4.	Caustic Soda/chlorine		600
	Total		2,500

An investment decision has since been taken in regard to Malathion project and detailed cost estimates are under preparation. Feasibility report in regard to the DDT plant is expected to be ready shortly. Both these projects will be based on indigenous technology. The choice of technology for the Endosulphan project has not yet been decided.

Direct trains between Vaidyanath Dham-Deoghar and Patna, Vaidyanath Dham and Gaya and between Vaidyanath Dham and Samastipur

1122. SHRI MADHU LIMAYE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have under consideration any proposal to re-align the main line of the Eastern Railway in such a way that it passes through Vaidyanath Dham, a major pilgrim centre of North India;

(b) whether Government have under consideration proposals to start