

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

(a) Yes, Sir. Information on the points mentioned in the question was called for from the Sulphuric Acid manufacturers in the Calcutta Region.

(b) A statement is attached.

(c) The position was reviewed at a meeting held jointly with the representatives of the manufacturers and the consumers. The manufacturers have been advised to make special efforts to meet the sulphuric acid requirements of the small-scale units. In regard to price aspect they were also advised to agree on a price which would be fair to both the parties.

Statement

Name of Unit	Production of acid in 1973-74	Allocation of sulphur in 1973-74 and actually received	Disposal with details, of acid produced
1	2	3	4
1. M/s. Jay Shree Chemicals and Fertilizers Ltd., Calcutta.	17,592 tonnes	5198 tonnes (actually received)	Consumed in the production of superphosphate.
2. M/s. C. D. Thakkar & Co., Calcutta.	6,440 tonnes	2,277 tonnes (received)	50% to Bokaro Steel Plant, Durgapur, Chandrapura & Patratu Thermal Power Station, Alloy Steel Plant (HSL), Durgapur, FCI/Barauni & Durgapur, Indian Oil Corporation, Barauni Thermal Power Station and some manufacturers near their factory. Balance is consumed by their own factory for production of alumina ferrous, Magnesium Sulphate, Zinc Sulphate etc.
3. M/s. Phosphate Co. Ltd., Calcutta.	22,590 tonnes (for calendar year 1973)	Allocation: 10,000 tonnes Received : 9345 tonnes	Consumed in their own factory Sold . . . 17,700 tonnes 4821 tonnes

Manufacture and distribution of Soda Ash

1183. SHRI SAKTI KUMAR
SARKAR:

SHRI TUNA ORAON;
SHRI DEBENDRA NATH
MAHATA:

(a) the names of the manufacturing concerns engaged in producing Soda Ash;

(b) the method for its distribution; and

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

(c) the extent of utilisation of installed capacity of each unit during the last three years?

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

(a) 1. M/s. Tata Chemicals Ltd., Mithapur (Gujarat).

2. M/s. Saurashtra Chemicals, Porbandar (Gujarat)

3. M/s. Dhrangadhra Chemicals Ltd., Dhrangadhra (Gujarat)

4. M/s. Sahu Chemicals & Fertilisers Ltd., Varanasi (U.P.).

(b) There is no control on distribution of soda ash as the manufacturers follow their own systems of distribution either direct to consuming industries or through depots or through traders etc.

(c) The installed capacity and production of the four manufacturing units during the last three years were as under:—

S. No.	Name of units	Installed Capacity (tonnes)	Production (tonnes)		
			1971	1972	1973
1	M/s. Tata Chemicals Ltd., Mithapur (Gujarat)	250,000	204,900	225,120	221,946
2	M/s. Saurashtra Chemicals, Porbandar (Gujarat)	168,000	196,900	185,890	169,755
3	M/s. Dharangadhra Chemical Works Ltd. Dharangadhra (Gujarat)	50,000	52,800	53,530	57,574
4	M/s. Sahu Chemicals and Fertilizers (The New Central Jute Mills Co. Ltd.) Sahu-pur, Varanasi, U. P.	40,000	24,300	21,200	19,799

Proposals for Railway lines in Meghalaya, Arunachal Pradesh, Manipur, Tripura and Mizoram in 5th Five Year Plan

1184. SHRI NOORUL HUDA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have abandoned the proposed construction of railway lines in Meghalaya, Arunachal Pradesh, Manipur, Tripura and Mizoram during the Fifth Five Year Plan period; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BUTA SINGH): (a) No.

(b) The position is explained below: Surveys for the following proposed new lines in these States have been completed and their reports are under examination/have been examined:

- (i) Silchar Jiribam (Manipur).
- (ii) Dharmanagar-Agartala (Tripura)
- (iii) Dharmanagar - Kumarghat-Kailashahar (Tripura).