

tion. These facilities are made available to them even in the private training institutions which get Central assistance for their training programmes.

Some States also extend such facilities to the trainees for degree courses in Nursing.

Trombay Fertiliser Factory

1848. Shri Madhu Limaye:
Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia:
Shri S. M. Banerjee:
Shri George Fernandes:

Will the Minister of Petroleum and Chemicals be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the production programme of the Fertiliser Factory at Trombay (Bombay) is lagging behind;

(b) whether there was some defect in the foundation work;

(c) whether there was some defect/delay in erecting the machinery;

(d) whether the machinery is defective/not upto specification; and

(e) the steps taken to increase production, efficiency and reduce costs?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Petroleum and Chemicals and of Planning and Social Welfare (Shri Raghu Ramiah): (a) Yes.

(b) Yes, it was rectified.

(c) Yes.

(d) Except the nitrophosphate plant, carbon dioxide compressor and some air liquefaction equipment and nitric acid absorbers, there was no major defect.

(e) Systematic study of the defect and deficiencies has been completed. Replacements have been ordered. Modifications are under progress. Efficiency very much depends upon continuous operation near full load condition and all necessary steps to achieve this are being taken.

It has been accepted by the suppliers of plants that the nitrophos-

phate plant does not have the rated capacity. Negotiations are in progress with them to arrive at a settlement. Plans have been formulated to upgrade the product and increase the production capacity.

Demand for Fertilisers during Fourth Plan

1849. Shri S. M. Joshi:
Shri Madhu Limaye:
Shri D. N. Patodia:
Shri C. C. Desai:
Shri R. Barua:

Will the Minister of Petroleum and Chemicals be pleased to state:

(a) the new revised estimated demand for fertilisers during the Fourth Five Year Plan period;

(b) whether the figures relating to indigenous production and imports are likely to be revised in view of the poor performance of the fertilizer units (both public and private); and

(c) if so, the result thereof?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Petroleum and Chemicals and of Planning and Social Welfare (Shri Raghu Ramiah): (a) The estimated demand during the remaining years of the Fourth Plan is given below:

(Million tonnes)

Year	Nitro- genous fertilis- ers.	Phos- phatic fertilis- ers.	Potassic fertilis- ers.
	In terms of N.	In terms of P ₂ O ₅	In terms of K ₂ O
1967-68 . . .	1.35	0.500	0.300
1968-69 . . .	1.70	0.650	0.450
1969-70 . . .	2.00	0.800	0.550
1970-71 . . .	2.40	1.000	0.700

(b) and (c). The estimates of indigenous production during the balance of the Fourth Plan period are being reviewed in the light of the latest