

POSTS OF CHIEF ENGINEERS, HIMACHAL PRADESH P.W.D.

3536. SHRI VIRBHADRA SINGH : Will the Minister of WORKS, HOUSING AND SUPPLY be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that there are at present two Chief Engineers in Himachal Pradesh P.W.D.;

(b) whether the appointment of two Chief Engineers is justified by the volume of work and is in keeping with the size and the resources of the Union Territory; and

(c) if not, the reasons for not abolishing the second post of Chief Engineer thereby preventing wasteful expenditure ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF WORKS, HOUSING AND SUPPLY (SHRI IQBAL SINGH) : (a) Yes.

(b) and (c) The matter is under consideration.

FROZEN LAND IN DELHI RURAL AREAS

3537. SHRI YAJNA DATT SHARMA :

SHRI R. S. VIDYARTHI :

SHRI BENI SHANKER SHARMA :

Will the Minister of HEALTH, FAMILY PLANNING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that large tracts of land have been frozen in the rural areas of Delhi without anything substantial being done to develop them;

(b) whether the people affected by the policy have submitted any representation; and

(c) if so, the action taken thereon ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH, FAMILY PLANNING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI B. S. MURTHY) :

(a) Within the urbanisable limits of Delhi, as envisaged in the Delhi Master

Plan, 56,000 acres of land has been notified for acquisition under section 4 of the Land Acquisition Act, 1894. Out of this, about 27,000 acres of land has finally been acquired under section 6 of the said Act. Final acquisition of the remaining area is under way and action to develop it will be taken after it has been acquired finally under section 6 of that Act.

(b) and (c) Yes, the matter was considered and it has been decided to acquire all the land falling within the urbanisable limits of Delhi.

HALDIA FERTILIZER PLANT

3538. SHRI HIMATSINGKA : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state :

(a) whether a proposal to set up a fertilizer plant in the public sector at Haldia has been received from a consortium of French and Polish firms, as an alternative to a similar proposal from Philips Petroleum Company of U.S.A.;

(b) if so, the broad outlines of the proposal and how the terms of this proposal compare with that offered by the Philips Petroleum Company; and

(c) the Government's reaction to these proposals ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND OF SOCIAL WELFARE (SHRI RAGHU RAMALAH) : (a) No detailed proposals have been received. M/s. Polimex of Poland and Ensa of France have shown interest in a fertilizer plant at Haldia.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

RE-SCHEDULING OF DEBT REPAYMENTS BY STATES

3539. SHRI HIMATSINGKA : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have turned down the State Government's request