

(b) whether the Tribal employees are eligible for promotion as Block Development Officers or Project Officers ;

(c) whether Tribal Extension Officers, who have served for a period of more than 5 years are promoted to the posts of Block Development Officers or Project Officers; and

(d) if so, the number of employees so promoted so far ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WELFARE AND IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI MUTHYAL RAO) : (a), (c) and (d). There are 53 (fifty three) Tribal Development Blocks. The other details are being collected from the State Government and will be laid on the Table of the House when received.

(b) Yes, Sir.

SCHOLARSHIPS FOR SCHEDULED TRIBES STUDENTS

5814. SHRI PARMAR : Will the Minister of SOCIAL WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) the present rates of scholarships paid to the Scheduled Tribes Students for different courses of studies; and

(b) whether Government propose to revise these rate of scholarships consequent to rising prices of essential commodities ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WELFARE AND IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI MUTHYAL RAO) : (a) and (b). The information is contained in the reply given to the Unstarred Question No. 1879 in the Lok Sabha on the 8th June, 1967. The rates may be revised when the Financial position improves.

KORBA FERTILIZER PROJECT

5816. SHRI D. V. SINGH : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 2 on the 2nd July, 1968 and state :

(a) the likely outlay of the revived Korba Fertiliser Project and the proposed production capacity of the new plant; and

(b) the party from which foreign collaboration is likely to be available and the tentative terms of such collaboration and how these terms are likely to compare with the terms of the original project ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI RAGHU RAMAIAH) : (a) the Korba Scheme is still under the examination of the Fertiliser Corporation of India. The outlay and the production are expected to be of the order of Rs. 72 crores and 495,000 tonnes of urea respectively.

(b) it is not possible to give the details of the project till the Corporation's final recommendation is received.

PENSION BENEFITS TO CENTRAL GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES

5817. SHRI NATHU RAM AHIRWAR : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Central Government employees who retired before 1952 and whose pensions were over Rs. 200 p.m. were not given the benefit of merging part of their dearness allowance to their pensions ;

(b) whether, as per Gadgil Committee's Report part dearness allowance was merged with pensions of employees ;