

(b) the amount deposited till March 31, 1970 by this Company with the Income-tax Office ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI P. C. SETHI) (a) The information is as under :—

Total amount of income tax collected from :	1968-69	1969-70
(i) Employees	Nil	Rs. 2759.21
	(the Co. was incorporated on 8-3-1969)	
(ii) Directors	ditto.	Nil
		(No remuneration is stated to have been paid to Directors)

(b) Out of Rs. 2759.21 mentioned at (a) above, Rs. 2608.03 was deposited during 1969-70 and the balance on 8-4-1970.

Delay in Finalising Financial Plan of Malabar Chemicals and Fertilizers

6811. SHRI LOBO PRABHU : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND MINES AND METALS be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 376 on the 9th March, 1970 and state :

(a) what factors have delayed the finalising of the financial plan of the Malabar Chemicals and fertilizers since, 1966 ;

(b) when the Board of Directors do not inspire confidence of the investing public whether Government would see that the Directorate is more broad based ;

(c) failing that, whether Government will consider other parties for the project ; and

(d) the present expectations of Government about the completion of the project ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND MINES AND METALS (SHRI D. R. CHAVAN) : (a) The finalisation of financial plan has been delayed mainly due to the delay in the preparation of the necessary feasibility report, marketing survey report, etc., finalisation of the collaboration arrangements and the tie-up of foreign exchange requirements of the project.

(b) The Board of Directors of the company is constituted by the company under its Articles of Association. The Government of Mysore who is sponsoring the project and has an interest in the company is seized of the matter.

(c) There is no proposal at present to entrust the project for implementation to any other party.

(d) It will take about 3 years to complete the project after all arrangements for its implementation have been finalised.

Deterioration in the Working of the Central Medical Stores Depots

6812. SHRI R. BARUA : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING AND WORKS, HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that there has been progressive deterioration in the working of the Central Medical Stores Depots ;

(b) if so, the main reasons therefor ; and loss suffered on account of deterioration during the last three years ; and

(c) the steps contemplated by Government to improve the working of these Depots in future ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING AND WORKS, HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI B. S. MURTHY) : (a) and (b). Prior to the year 1966-67 Medical Stores Depots were progressively making profits and aggregated a total profit of Rs. 1.84 crores from 1957-58 to 1965-66. In fact it was possible to gradually