

(d) whether such centres will also be set-up and other steps taken in big cities like Calcutta, Bombay, Madras, Kanpur, Lucknow etc. ; if so, when and if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING, AND WORKS, HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI B. S. MURTHY) : (a) to (c). According to the information received from the Delhi Administration, 20 such centres are proposed to be established. It is also contemplated to commission two mobile vans fitted with sample collecting equipment to collect samples of automotive exhaust, industrial gases, smoke, etc.

To start with, it is proposed to collect samples of dustfall, Sulphur dioxide, smoke, Carbon monoxide and oxide of Nitrogen. The samples would be collected from the industrial areas, heavy traffic centres, loco motive sheds, power houses, congested localities and areas inhabited near stone crushing mills.

A central laboratory to test the samples collected with a view to determine the concentration of air pollutants is also proposed to be established.

The work is expected to begin as soon as the sampling centres are set up and other necessary arrangements are completed. The Financial implications are being worked out.

(d) The requisite information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Demand by Orissa Government for Setting up Fertilizer Plants in that State

2163. SHRIMATI ILA PALCHOU-DHURI : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND MINES AND METALS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Orissa Government have been demanding the setting up of some Fertilizer Plants in Orissa ;

(b) whether it is also a fact that this demand has been accepted by the Central Government ;

(c) if so, their capacities, finance needed for them and their location ; and

(d) when the work on their construction is likely to begin and completed as also when the plants are likely to go into production ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND MINES AND METALS (SHRI D. R. CHAVAN) : (a) to (d). Government have already approved the setting up of a coal based Fertilizer Plant at Talcher in Orissa. This will have an annual capacity of 228,000 tonnes in terms of Nitrogen, the end product being 495,000 tonnes of Urea. The project is estimated to cost Rs. 7049.26 lakhs with Rs. 1999.92 lakhs in foreign exchange. The foundation stone of this project was laid on 3.2.1970. Preliminary steps have been taken for the implementation of the project and it is expected to be completed by the end of 4th Plan. There is also a proposal to set up a Fertilizer plant at Paradeep in Orissa on imported Ammonia. The Fertilizer Corporation of India have been asked to prepare a techno-economic feasibility report for this project.

Squeeze of Credit for grain Dealers

2164. SHRI S. M. BANERJEE : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state ;

(a) whether there is any proposal to squeeze credit for grain dealers ;

(b) if so, to what extent ; and

(c) whether this is being done to check rise in prices of food-grains ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI VIDYA CHARAN SHUKLA) : (a) to (c). With a view to checking rise in prices and discouraging the speculative hoarding of commodi-