

[English]

**Terminal Period Increment Concession to Retiring Employees**

3681. SHRI MADAN LAL KHURANA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether any demand has been made by the staff side in the National Council (JCM) for allowing terminal period increment concessions for retiring employees; and

(b) if so, the decision taken by the Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) Yes, Sir. This item has been proposed for the next meeting of the National Council (JCM).

(b) In accordance with the JCM procedure decision on all agenda items is taken in the National Council.

[Translation]

**Fertilizer Plant at Shahjahanpur U.P.**

3682. SHRI SATYAPAL SINGH YADAV:

SHRI KASHIRAM RANA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the construction work on the gas-based fertilizer plant at Pipraula in Shahjahanpur, Uttar Pradesh is on schedule;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the time by which the project is likely to be completed and the probable date for starting the commercial production of fertilizers there?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILISERS (DR. CHINTA MOHAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Some of the important reasons are as follows:—

(i) the previous holder of the Letter of Intent (LOI) did not show sufficient interest in the project and, therefore, a new promoter had to be selected.

(ii) Some clearances are still awaited for import of capital goods, issue of imprest licence for indigenous suppliers of equipments, etc.

(c) No date for completion of the project or for starting commercial production can be given as the zero date for the project has not been declared for the reasons given in reply to part (b).

[English]

**Industrial Growth Centres**

3683. KUMARI UMABHARTI: SHRI VISHWANATH SHARMA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of industrial growth centres proposed to be opened during the current financial year in each State; and

(b) the number of such centres proposed to be opened in Teekamgarh and Chattarpur in Madhya Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (PROF. P. J. KURIEN): (a) The Government in June, 1988 announced a scheme to set up growth centres throughout the country to promote industrialisation of backward areas. It is proposed to develop 70 growth centres under the scheme during the VIII Five Year Plan out of which locations of 63 growth centres have been identified and announced. A statement giving state-wise allotment of growth centres is attached.