

Gas Based Petrochemicals Complex in Karnataka

4913. SHRIMATI BASAVA RAJESHWARI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal to establish a large-scale gas-based petro-chemical complex in the State of Karnataka;

(b) if so, whether any scheme in this regard has been submitted to the Union Government by the Government of Karnataka; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon?

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

(b) and (c). Do not ARISE.

Demands of Journalists

4914. SHRIMATI BASAVA RAJESHWARI:
SHRI S.B.SINDAL:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether a delegation of the Press Association of India has submitted a memorandum enlisting urgent demands of the journalists;

(b) the main points of demands made by journalists in their memorandum; and

(c) the reaction of the Government thereto?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARIGIRJA VYAS): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). The Press Association has asked for;

(i) Revision of guidelines for allotment of Press Pool Accommodation according to the salary structure fixed by Bachawat Wage Board.

(ii) deletion of the clause in the guidelines for allotment of Press Pool accommodation which provides for a review of allotment after three years;

(iii) making available a room either in the Press Information Bureau complex or in the Vitthalbhai Patel apartment.

The Government have noted the demands/suggestions of the Press Association.

Industrial Policy for Small Scale Sector

4915. SHRIMATI BASAVA RAJESHWARI:
SHRI S.B.SINDAL:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have prepared a list of action to be taken to implement the new industrial policy for small scale sector;

(b) if so, whether any concrete programme in this regard has been finalised;

(c) to what extent it will be helpful to small scale industries; and

(d) by what time they are likely to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (PROF. P.J. KURIEN): (a) The new Industrial Policy for

small-scale sector broadly lists out the following areas for initiating action.

- (i) Tiny Sector-increase in investment limit and formulation of special package.
- (ii) Financial support
- (iii) Infrastructural facilities
- (iv) Marketing and exports
- (v) Modernisation, technology and quality upgradation.
- (vi) Promotion of entrepreneurship.
- (vii) Simplification of procedures.

The Government has already initiated action for implementation of the Policy.

(b) As a first step discussions were held with State Governments for implementation of the declared Policy.

(c) Maximum number of small scale units would be helped in the areas mentioned in part (a) of the answer above.

(d) The proposals will be implemented at the earliest possible.

[*Translation*]

Offices under Directorate of Regional Broadcast Rajasthan

4916. SHRI RAM NARAIN BERWA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the number of offices in Rajasthan which exist under Directorate of Regional Broadcast;

(b) whether Government's schemes and programmes are not being broadcast effectively; and

(c) if so, the number of such offices proposed to be opened by the Government and the time by which these would be opened?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS):

(a) There is no Directorate of Regional Broadcast as such in Rajasthan. However, All India Radio and Doordarshan have 8 Broadcasting Centres and 37 Transmitting Centres respectively operating in the State.

(b) and (c). The Radio and TV services are at present available to about 95% and 52% of the population respectively. With a view to further improve these services, a number of projects are at hand, the particulars of which and the tentative time frame for commissioning of which is indicated below: