

has been taken to set up a refinery with the assistance of non-resident Indians.

Privatisation of IISCO

4675. SHRI MANORANJAN BHAKTA: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have received any proposal from the Government of West Bengal for privatisation of IISCO.

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Union Government have taken any decision for further investment in the IISCO; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEB): (a) and (b). Shri Swraj Paul of Caparo Group Limited, London wrote to the Prime Minister stating that the Chief Minister of West Bengal had desired him to visit the Indian Iron and Steel Company with a view to looking at a possible take over of that Company. The Chief Minister of West Bengal has also written to the Prime Minister drawing his attention to Shri Swraj Paul's letter. Chief Minister, West Bengal, has requested that the proposal of Shri Swraj Paul may be considered on a very urgent basis in view of the present difficult resources position.

(c) and (d). The proposal regarding modernisation of IISCO is pending before

the Public Investment Board. SAIL are also exploring various alternatives for funding of the project.

National Oil Grid

4676. SHRI PRABHU DAYAL KATHERIA:
SHRIMATI MAHENDRA KUMARI:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the progress made so far in establishing a National Oil Grid; and

(b) the number of storage and packaging stations along with their locations set up the National Dair Development Board so far, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPALLY RAMACHANDRA) (a) Towards the objective of establishing a National Oil Grid, NDDB has created (a) oil storage of about 2.35 lakh tonnes under NDDB's Vegetable Oil Project, (b) Packaging infrastructure to pack about 1.4 lakh tonnes of oil annually.

NDDB has also developed an economical transport system to move large quantities of indigenous oil from surplus to deficit areas.

(b) The NDDB has so far financed following storage and packaging stations:

<i>State</i>	<i>Packaging Station</i>	<i>Storage</i>
Gujarat	Anand, Jagudan, Surat	Kdar, Bhavnagar, Jamnagar, Rajkot, Dhasa, Junagadh, Anand, Mehsana, Kandla.
Madhya Pradesh	Ujjain	Ujjain