

Title: Need to clear proposed Grassroot Nitrogenous Fertilizer Plant, Nellore, Andhra Pradesh.

DR. RAJESWARAMMA VUKKALA (NELLORE) : Mr. Speaker, Sir, the Indian Farmers' Co-operative Ltd, the premier agricultural Co-operative and an industrial giant in the country, aims at making the country self-sufficient in food production by meeting the increasing demands for fertilizers through more fertilizer production capacities. Keeping in view the basic philosophy of service to farmers, the IFFCO propose to set up a grassroot nitrogenous fertilizer plant with a capacity of 7.26 lakh tonnes of urea per annum in Nellore district of Andhra Pradesh based on Naptha as feed stock at an estimated cost of Rs.1736 crore. The project, when completed, would bridge the increasing gap between demand and supply of nitrogenous fertilizers in the country, particularly in South Zone. The Society has already acquired adequate land and initiated various pre-project activities relating to water supply, construction of power plant, railway siding and storage at the project site.

Although the Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs, Government of India has given approval to this project, it has not yet been cleared by the Public Investment Board.

Since IFFCO's own resources are fully committed for the next 5-6 years, it is at present not able to enter in a big way into the new areas.

I, therefore, earnestly appeal to the Government of India to expedite clearance of the Grassroot Nellore Project early to meet the increasing demand of nitrogenous fertilizers in the country.

...(Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER : Nothing will go on record.

(Interruptions) *

MR. SPEAKER : Because you are persisting again and again, I will ask the Minister to take note of it.

...(Interruptions)

SHRI P.C. THOMAS (MUVATTUPUZHA): Let the Minister respond to it.

SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: It is not a 'Zero Hour'....(Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER : Under what rule your are raising this issue?

...(Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER : I have already told you that they have taken note of it. So, that is the end of the matter. Now, please take your seat.

...(Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER : Dr. Raghuvansh Prasad Singh, kindly resume your seat.

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*Not Recorded.