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ORAL ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

[English]

Expansion programme of Durgapur unit of Hindustan Fertiliser Corporation + *576 SHRI PURNA CHANDRA MALIK : SHRI SATYAGOPAL MISRA ;

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the expansion programme of Durgapur unit of the Hindustan Fertilizer Corporation has been finalised and initiated;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons for delay?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) to (c). There is no proposal for the expansion of the Durgapur Unit of Hindustan Fertilizer Corporation Ltd.

SHRI PURNA CHANDRA MALIK: Is it a fact that an expansion programme of the Durgapur Unit of Hindustan Fertiliser Corporation was finalised in 1977 and was scheduled to be completed in December, 1985? If so, what is the progress of the expansion of the plant?

SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA : My reply is very clear that there is no such proposal.

SHRI PURNA CHANDRA MALIK: Is it a fact that though the factory has a licenced capacity of 3.05 lakh tonnes of urea, during 1984-85 it produced only 1.25 lakh tonnes of urea? If so, what are the reasons for such a bad performance?

SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA : Sir, right from the beginning this plant is working at under-capacity and there are defects which require revamping.

Establishment of National Institute of Disaster Management in Andhra Pradesh

*577. SHRI M. RAGHUMA REDDY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Andhra Pradesh has suggested that the proposed National Institute of Disaster Management be located at Hyderabad: and

(b) if so, the decision taken on the request of the Government of Andhra Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The proposal for setting up a National Institute of Disaster Management is still under consideration. No decision has yet been taken as regards location of the Institute.

SHRI M. RAGHUMA REDDY : Sir, it is good that the Government is going to set up a National Institute of Disaster Management, but I want to know from the Hon. Minister whether the Government have enough technology to establish such an institute in India or whether the Government is borrowing the technology from outside the country and, if so, which are the countries.

SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA : Sir, even today the various administrative training institutions are giving training in management of disaster but that is not foolproof. We want to create an institution which can impart training to our personnel in the management of the disaster, that is, all sorts of natural calamities like earthquake, hailstorm, drought, floods, etc.

PROF. K. K. TEWARY : Does it also include Teluga Desham disaster ?

SHRI M. RAGHUMA REDDY : No, it includes the Congress disaster.

Sir, Hyderabad is a centrally located place in Andhra Pradesh where we have a