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SHRI BANWARI LAL PUROHIT : I want to know from the Hon. Minister whether Government are considering any proposal to increase the price of cement and that is why the factories are not releasing the stocks of cement but are instead holding it. I would like to know how far it is true.

SHRI VEERENDRA PATIL : The price of levy cement was increased a bit last year. There is no question of increasing the price of non-levy cement, because its price depends on the principle of demand and supply in the market. Ever since we increased the price of cement last year, the cement manufacturers are saying that they are incurring losses and that its price should be increased further. But, Government have not taken any decision in this regard.

SHRI BHAGWAT JHA AZAD : Do not increase it, it is already very high.

**Setting up of new Fertilizer Plants
in Orissa**

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*842. **SHRI SOMNATH RATH :**
SHRI K. PRADHANI :

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of fertilizer plants set up in Orissa so far;

(b) the location of those fertilizer plants;

(c) the quantum of fertilizers produced from each of those plants in the last three years;

(d) whether Government have a proposal to set up new fertilizer plants in Orissa during the Seventh Five Year Plan period; and

(e) if so the sites selected therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS AND INDUSTRY AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI VEERENDRA PATIL) : (a) to (e). A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement

(a) and (b). There are two fertilizer plants in operation in Orissa one at Talcher and the other at Rourkela.

(c) The requisite details are given below :

Production (In thousand tonnes of Nitrogen)

	1982-83	1983-84	1984-85
Talcher	20.6	37.3	55.1
Rourkela	11.0	22.5	49.8

(d) and (e). A large Phosphatic fertilizer plant is under construction at Paradeep in Orissa; it would be completed during the Seventh Plan period. Besides, an industrial licence has been granted for setting up of a small Single Superphosphate unit in Mayurbhanj District of Orissa.

There is no decision, at present, to set up more fertilizer plants in Orissa.

SHRI SOMNATH RATH : I am glad to know from the Hon. Minister that the phosphatic fertilizer plant under construction at Paradeep is going to be completed by the end of the 7th Plan. I would like to know from the Hon. Minister when the fertilizer plant is likely to start commercial production as also the total quantity of fertilizer likely to be produced from that plant annually.

SHRI VEERENDRA PATIL : Sir, so far as this phosphatic fertilizer plant which is being set up at Paradeep is concerned, it would have annual installed capacity of 117,000 tonnes of nitrogen and 300,000 tonnes of phosphatic fertilizer with P_2O_5 in the form of Di-ammonia phosphate. Construction of the plant is proceeding according to the schedule and the Di-ammonia phosphate plant is scheduled to be commissioned by March 1986.

SHRI SOMNATH RATH : I have come to know from the answer given by the Hon. Minister that a small single super-phosphatic unit is going to be set up at Mayurbhanj district of Orissa. I would like to know whether the Government will explore possibilities of setting up more and more such small projects in Ganjam district of Orissa.

SHRI VEERENDRA PATIL : Sir, as I have already said that one industrial licence has been given to East Coast Fertilizer and Chemicals Limited for setting up a single super-phosphate plant with annual capacity of 7,000 tonnes of phosphatic fertilizer in Mayurbhanj district of Orissa. So far, decision on no other application has been taken. But I must say that so far as production of fertilizer is concerned, in Orissa, I think the production is going to be much more than the demnad in that State.

SHRI K. PRADHANI : Mr. Speaker, the Minister in his reply has stated that a large fertiliser plant is going to come up at Paradeep. Generally, the State Governments impose power cuts and the production in these industries is very much affected. To avoid this kind of difficulty, may I know from the Hon. Minister whether the Government proposes to have a captive power plant for electricity production in these industries ?

SHRI VEERENDRA PATIL : In Talcher, we have already got a captive plant generating 30 megawatt and I have said on other occasions also that the policy of the Government is that hereafter instead of entirely depending upon the State Electricity grid for the fertiliser plant, we prefer to have our own captive plants.

SHRIMATI GEETA MUKHERJEE : Considering that West Bengal and Orissa States together facing the same problem, will the Hon. Minister kindly let us know whether he is aware of the fact that the Haldia Fertiliser Plant at Haldia is shut down in the last week rendering about 2500 workers out of job. I want to know whether the Hon. Minister is going to take some steps so that the workers are given the work.

SHRI VEERENDRA PATIL : So far as the Haldia fertiliser project is concerned, the commissioning work is still going on. Therefore, it is very difficult for me to say by what time this project is proposed to be commissioned.

SHRIMATI GEETA MUKHERJEE : What will happen to those 2500 workers ?

MR. SPEAKER : You have said that this plant is shut down. But the Minister says that the project is not yet commissioned.

SHRI VEERENDRA PATIL : That is why I wanted to clarify the position. The question of shutting down does not arise because the project has not yet been commissioned. Commissioning work is still going on. How could it be shut down when it is not yet started commissioning ?

SHRI NARAYAN CHOUBEY : More than 3000 workers are working there and they are getting their wages for more than 10 years.

[Translation]

DR. CHANDRA SHEKHAR TRIPATHY : I want to know from the Hon. Minister the time by which the factories set up at Sultanpur, Budaun and Shahjahanpur in Uttar Pradesh will start production and what their capacity would be.

SHRI VEERENDRA PATIL : Sir, the required information will be furnished after making necessary enquiries on the subject if the Hon. Member asks a separate question on it.

Check on Adulteration in Petrol

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*843. **SHRI SARFARAZ AHMAD :**
DR. G. S. RAJHANS :

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM be pleased to state :

(a) whether attention of Government has been drawn to the news item captioned 'Petrol mein milawat karane walon ke khilaph karrwahi nahin hui' (No action taken against the petrol adulterators) appeared in 'Jansatta' of 9 April, 1985;

(b) if so, the names of the places where such cases of adulteration were detected during the past one year;

(c) the action taken against persons engaged in adulteration in petrol; and

(d) the steps being taken by Government to check adulteration in petrol ?