

tonnes per day and Bina with a capacity of 13680 tonnes per day. The existing coal washeries are: Dugda-I, Dugda-II, Patherdih, Bhojudih, Lodna, Jamadaba, Chasnala, Durgapur (DPL) Durgapur (SAIL) and Sindamdih.

Fertilizer Complex in Rajasthan

*942. SHRI MOHANLAL SUKHADIA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether as reported in the 'Times of India' dated the 16th July, 1980, the National Fertilizers Limited has decided to set up a fertilizer complex estimated to cost about Rs. 500 crores in Rajasthan;

(b) if so, has any project report thereof been prepared;

(c) what probable sites for the location of the said project have been suggested; and

(d) has the suitability of Udaipur region for the location of this project been considered in view of the fact that huge deposits of rock phosphate are located in this area and also a phosphoric acid plant is coming up in the region?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM, AND CHEMICALS (SHRI VEERENDRA PATIL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) M/s National Fertilizers Limited, a Government of India undertaking, have carried out preliminary investigations as to the possible locations for setting up a gas-based fertilizer project either in Rajasthan or Madhya Pradesh. No final decision has yet been taken in regard to the site of the project.

(d) The location of the gas-based project can be decided only after detailed investigations as to the availability of infrastructural facilities, the demand pattern, transportation facilities for raw-materials and finished fertilizers, etc. have been completed and duly appraised by the Government. It is also proposed to examine the possibility of setting up facilities for production of phosphatic fertilizers based on the Pyrites available in Saladipura (Sikar District) and Rock Phosphate available at Jhamarkotra (Udaipur District) in Rajasthan. However, no definite proposals have been formulated in this regard.

Payment of Bonus to Oil and Natural Gas Commission Employees

*944. SHRI MOHANLAL PATEL: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Oil and Natural Gas Commission staff have ever been paid bonus or *ex-gratia* payment;

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether any demand for bonus for them has come to Government from any quarter and if so, the details and action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI VEERENDRA PATIL): (a) Yes, Sir. *Ex-gratia* or Bonus has been paid to the staff in ONGC since 1965-66 to the categories eligible for bonus in terms of the Payment of Bonus Act, 1965.