

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.

(b) The amount of Ex-gratia or Bonus paid to ONGC employees relating to each year is given below:—

(Rs. in lakhs)

Year	Amount paid
1965-66	12.34
1966-67	24.22
1967-68	36.98
1968-69	66.22
1969-70	79.86
1970-71	83.32
1971-72	102.68
1972-73	167.68
1973-74	201.03
1974-75	239.26
1975-76	216.18
1976-77	252.17
1977-78	340.53
1978-79	345.54

(c) Demands for payment of Bonus/Ex-gratia to employees drawing emoluments above Rs. 1600/- per month has been received from the concerned Officers' Association. However, in view of Government's policy not to cover such employees under the Payment of Bonus Act, this has not been agreed to.

Shortage of Petrol and Diesel Pumps in Rajasthan

*945. SHRI BHEEKHABHAI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether in district Dungarpur (Rajasthan) due to the shortage of petrol and Diesel pumps, people have to cover a distance of fifty to sixty kilometers to get kerosene, diesel and petrol.

(b) if so, whether diesel pumps are proposed to be set up at any of the places in Seemalwara and Beechhiwara Panchayat Samities;

(c) whether a survey has been conducted in any of the places viz., Cheetari, Cheekali, Kua, Seemalwara, Peeth, Amjhara and Padar in this regard; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI VEERENDRA PATIL): (a) At present there are 5 retail outlets (petrol/diesel pumps) in Pungarpur district of Rajasthan, which are considered adequate to meet the existing requirements of the district. Due to low potential, it is possible that consumers in remote areas might have to travel long distances to get their requirements.

As regards kerosene, it is not dispensed through petrol/diesel pumps.

(b) Opening of retail outlets (petrol/diesel pumps) at a particular location depends upon its demand potential and economic viability of operation. The existing potential does not justify setting up of petrol/diesel pumps at any of these locations.

(c) Except at Seemalwara no survey has been conducted at any of the locations mentioned in the question.

(d) The other places mentioned in part (c) of the question are reported to be too small to be included in survey programme.

उर्वरक निगमों के प्रबन्धक-मण्डल

*950 श्री तारिक अनवर: क्या पेट्रो-लियम तथा रसायन मन्त्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या विभिन्न उर्वरक निगमों के प्रबन्धक-मण्डलों में केवल सरकारी अधिकारी की ही नियुक्ति की जाती है,