

(b) if so, the salient features thereof;

(c) whether Government of Maharashtra has made any suggestion in this regard; and

(d) the reaction of his Ministry thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MOHD. SHAFI QURESHI): (a) and (b). There are at present no further electrification proposals on the Central Railway under consideration of the Government. As regards further dieselisation, the same will be undertaken as and when required based on the traffic requirements and availability of diesel locomotives.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

#### Production of Nitrogen by Public Sector Fertilizers Units

\*285. SHRI RAJDEO SINGH: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND

FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) the total production capacity of six public sector fertilizers units; and

(b) if they are running below capacity, whether it is proposed to go for more units instead of gearing the existing units to the level of their rated capacity?

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI P. C. SETHI): (a) and (b). The six public sector fertilizer units mentioned in part (a) of the question presumably refer to the six operating units of the Fertilizer Corporation of India Ltd. (FCI), viz., Sindri, Nangal, Trombay, Gorakhpur, Namrup and Durgapur. In addition to these FCI units, five units in the public sector are also operating in the country. The installed capacities and production performance of all these units during the periods April to December 1975 and April to December 1974 were as under:

(Figures in '000 tonnes)

Name of unit	Annual installed capacity	Production	
		April—December 1975	April—December 1974
<b>FCI</b>			
Sindri . . . . .	90	33.3	37.7
Nangal . . . . .	80	55.5	30.0
Trombay . . . . .	81	48.0	43.2
Gorakhpur . . . . .	80	39.1	54.1
Namrup . . . . .	45	31.8	28.8
Durgapur . . . . .	152	22.0	7.8
Total—FCI units . . . . .	528	229.7	201.6

Name of unit	Annual installed capacity	Production	
		April—December, 1975	April—December, 1974
<b>OTHERS</b>			
Udyogmandal . . . . .	82	32.4	25.8
Cochin . . . . .	152	48.7	24.5
Rourkela . . . . .	120	53.8	42.0
Neyveli . . . . .	70	13.9	11.7
Madras . . . . .	164	106.9	48.0
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC SECTOR . . . . .</b>	<b>1136*</b>	<b>497.4*</b>	<b>364.8*</b>

\* Includes fertilizer production as by-products in public sector.

It will be seen from the above that the operating units of the FCI between them achieved an overall *pro rata* capacity utilisation of 58.5 per cent during the period April-December 1975, as compared to a capacity utilisation of 51 per cent during the corresponding period of last year. These units include the old and ageing plant at Sindri, as also Durgapur which has not so far been able to stabilise production at a satisfactory level. Excluding the performance of these two units, the capacity utilisation of the other four units of the FCI, viz., Nangal, Gorakhpur, Trombay and Namrup would be about 81 per cent during this year. This is indeed a good achievement and compares favourably with the performance of plants elsewhere.

3. The fertilizer industry has already achieved a production of 1.14 million tonnes of nitrogen and the year is expected to end with a total production of about 1.5 million tonnes, as against 1.18 million tonnes during 1974-75. This increased production has come mainly as a result of the improved performance of the public sector plants and continuing efforts are being made to further improve the performance of all the plants with a view to optimising their capacity utilisation. These include renovation/modernisation/debottlenecking and other measures.

4. These measures would not by themselves help augment indigenous availability of fertilizers beyond a point and there is need for development of additional capacity to meet adequately the growing requirements of fertilizers in the country. It is in this context that a large-scale programme is under implementation in the public, private and cooperative sectors for creation of additional fertilizer capacity.

#### **Railway Employees decision to have one Union in one Industry**

1185. SHRIMATI ROZA DESHPANDE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the decisions of the railway employees to have one union in one industry; and

(b) if so, Government's reaction thereto?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BUTA SINGH): (a) and (b). There have been occasional expressions from Employees' Organisations favouring the principle of "One Union in one Industry". Government is also in favour of this principle and will welcome the different employees' organi-