

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Self-sufficiency in Production of Fertilizers

*182. SHRI D. B. CHANDRA GOWDA Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have made any comprehensive plan for achieving self-sufficiency in fertilizer production during the Fifth Five Year Plan period; and

(b) if so, the broad features thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI P. C. SETHI): (a) and (b). A large scale programme is on hand for augmenting indigenous capacity for the manufacture of fertilizers. As a part of this programme, 16 large sized fertilizer plants are under various stages of implementation; 4 additional plants have been approved in principle. With the completion of the projects under implementation and those approved in principle, the capacity for the manufacture of fertilizers which is presently 29.73 lakh tonnes of nitrogen and 6.92 lakh tonnes of P2O5 is expected to increase to 65 lakh tonnes of nitrogen and 17 lakh tonnes of P2O5. Since the completion and commissioning of some of the projects is likely to spill over to the VIth Plan Period, the capacity build-up by the end of the Fifth Five Year Plan period is likely to be 46.90 lakh tonnes of nitrogen and 13.11 lakh tonnes of P2O5. The production available from this capacity would help narrow the gap appreciably between demand and indigenous availability of fertilizers and thereby reduce dependence on imports.

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*186. श्री चिरंजीव झा : क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या राजधानी एक्सप्रेस ट्रेन की सेवा को और विस्तृत करने पर विचार किया जा रहा है ; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो तत्सम्बन्धी मुख्य बातें क्या हैं ?

रेल मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री मुहम्मद नबी कुरैशी) : (क) जी नहीं ।

(ख) प्रश्न नहीं उठता ।

Survey for Ernakulam-Alleppy Railway Line in Kerala

*191. SHRI C. H. MOHAMED KOYA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether an engineering-cum-traffic survey has been ordered for the construction of the Ernakulam-Alleppy railway line in Kerala;

(b) the progress made so far; and

(c) the likely dates of completion of the engineering survey and commencement of the construction work?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BUTA SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). The survey has been completed. The survey report is under examination, and a decision regarding construction of the line will be taken as soon as the examination, is completed, and would depend upon availability of resources.