

Fertiliser Plants in Maharashtra

*339. SHRI SHANKERRAO SAVANT: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of fertiliser plants offered to the State of Maharashtra during the last two years and their proposed location;

(b) which of them are awaiting approval of the Central Government at present and what is their capacity;

(c) the reasons for dropping the remaining plants; and

(d) whether Government of Maharashtra has expressed any views

about delay in decision by Government of India in this respect?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI SHAHNAWAZ KHAN): (a) to (d). The setting up of fertilizer plants is determined on overall techno-economic considerations and other relevant factors, and in doing so, due regard is given to the views of State Governments. As regards Maharashtra, particulars of proposals under consideration for creation of additional capacity in the State are given in the statement laid on the Table of the House.

Statement

Name of the party	Proposed location	Items of manufacture capacity (per annum)	Remarks
1. Maharashtra Co-operative Fertilizers & Chemicals Ltd.	Bombay area	Ammonia—66,000 tonnes Soda ash—66,000 tonnes Ammonium Chloride—66,000 tonnes	Letter of Intent to the party has been extended from time to time and presently is valid upto 31-3-1974.
2. B. J. Patel	Jalgaon	Ammonia—3,30,000 tonnes Urea—5,00,000 tonnes.	The proposal is being examined.
3. Fertilizer Corporation of India Ltd. (Public Sector)			
(a) Urea/NPK Debottlenecking Scheme	Trombay	Additional capacity 25,00 tonnes of N and 12,000 tonnes P ₂ O ₅	The project is being implemented and is expected to be completed in 1975.
(b) Expansion of Trombay (Trombay IV)	Trombay	For additional production of 75,000 tonnes per annum each of N and P ₂ O ₅ in the form of complex fertilizers	The scheme is under consideration.
(c) New Project (Trombay V)	Trombay	To produce 1,20,000 tonnes of N per annum in the form of urea	This is under consideration.

Note : In addition, Government have been informed that the feasibility of setting up a phosphatic fertilizer plant in the Nhava-Sheva region is under study by the State Government. No formal request for the issue of a letter of intent has so far been received in this regard.

MR. SPEAKER: It is very good. We have finished 10 questions to-day.