

**Proposed Demonetisation of currency**

\*446. **SHRIMATI SAVITRI SHYAM**: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) Whether Government are considering any proposal to demonetise currency in the country,

(b) if so, the denomination of currency which will be demonetised and the reasons therefor;

(c) the extent to which such a demonetisation will affect the internal and international trade; and

(d) the time by which the scheme is proposed to be implemented?

**THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI YESHWANTRAO CHAVAN)**: (a) There is no such proposal under consideration.

(b) to (d). Do not arise.

**Completion of Fertilizer Project at Mangalore (Mysore)**

\*447. **SHRI K.M. MADHUKAR**: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether all preliminaries for the establishment of Rs. 52—crore Fertiliser Project Mangalore (Mysore) are proceeding according to schedule to commission the project in early 1974;

(b) if so, the progress made so far;

(c) whether some difficulties have arisen in the matter of foreign exchange credit and for the release of the foreign exchange; and

(d) if so, the nature thereof and action taken by Government to overcome these difficulties?

**THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI P.C. SETHI)**:

(a) The preliminaries for the establishment of the Rs. 51 crore Mangalore Fertilizer Project are still being worked out and it is not possible to give a definite date at this stage for the commissioning of the plant unless all the formalities have been completed.

(b) to (d). About 315 acre of land are stated to have been acquired for the project and test bore drilling and contour survey of land have also been done. The Company have concluded fresh agreements with foreign firms for design engineering and supply of plant and machinery for ammonia and urea plants. The preliminary engineering agreements of the party have been approved by the Government and foreign exchange equivalent of £ 75,000/—released. Other agreements are presently under consideration. Discussions are also being held with the U.K. authorities for allocation of U.K. credit for meeting the foreign exchange cost of the project.

**Arrest of air force Officer at Gauhati for passing secret news to Pakistan**

\*448. **SHRI HARI KISHORE SINGH**:  
**SHRI BIRENDER SINGH RAO**:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 430 on the 14th June, 1971 regarding the arrest of an Air Force Officer at Gauhati for passing, secret news to Pakistan and state whether the matter has since been investigated and, if so, the nature of action taken or proposed to be taken by Government against the person concerned?

**THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI JAGJIVAN RAM)**: The matter is still under investigation.

**Review of fiscal Policies in Regard to Stagnation in the Industrial economy**

\*449. **SHRI S.R. DAMANI**: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have called for a review of the recent fiscal policies to see as to what extent they are responsible