

SHRI H. N. BAHUGUNA: I have not concluded; all I can say now is that I am not in a position to announce a judgement on these things. As I said earlier this government....

SHRI VASANT SATHE: Let us know your attitude; you are progressive.

SHRI H. N. BAHUGUNA: Mr. Sathe was very progressive. But with all his progressivism of which I am also a witness, he could not persuade, the outgoing Government to take this particular recommendation out of the shelf for two good years and he is not willing to give me even a month's time. All I say is that I am completely with him to see that multi-nationals do not block this country in any manner whatsoever. I am one with him on that.

Naphtha Cracker Unit in BRPL

*288. SHRI SURENDRA BIKRAM: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Naphtha Cracker Unit in Bongaigaon Refinery and Petrochemicals Limited has been rejected; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI H. N. BAHUGUNA):

(a) and (b). There has been no proposal for setting up a Naphtha Cracker unit under the Bongaigaon Refinery and Petrochemicals Limited.

श्री सुरेन्द्र बिक्रम : नैफ्था क्रैकर यूनिट स्थापित करने के लिए क्या क्या शर्तें हैं ?

श्री हेमवती नन्दन बहुगुणा : शर्तें यह हैं कि उत्पादन क्षमता के अनुरूप खपत हो सके और उत्पादन क्षमता के लिए जो आवश्यक कच्चा माल है वह उपलब्ध हो।

श्री सुरेन्द्र बिक्रम : राज्यों में कितने इसके यूनिट हैं और कहाँ कहाँ पर हैं ?

श्री हेमवती नन्दन बहुगुणा : इस वक्त महाराष्ट्र में दो छोटे छोटे एयरोमेटिक यूनिट हैं। एक नेफ्ता क्रैकर बडौदा में है जो इंडियन पेट्रो-कैमिकल्स लिमिटेड के मातहत है और पब्लिक सेक्टर में है।

SHRI PURNA SINHA: It is stated that Naphtha is the main product at Bongaigaon Refinery and Petrochemicals Ltd. and Gauhati Refinery. This Naphtha is necessary for the process of producing a number of downstream industries. I want to know whether the Naphtha produced at Bongaigaon and Gauhati Refineries is being utilised for this purpose.

SHRI H. N. BAHUGUNA: The total Naphtha available in Gauhati and Bongaigaon Refineries is not equal to the need of the economic size of Naphtha Cracker. Secondly, even for an aromatic plant which is being put there producing a number of downstream units we have to bring Gauhati naphtha to Bongaigaon. Bongaigaon and Gauhati Naphtha together have given us a possibility of putting up an aromatic plant which has already been decided to be put up there and work is going on. The various things will come latest by 1979.

SHRI SHAMBHU NATH CHATURVEDI: Naphtha is the basic ingredient of chemical fertilizers. I want to know to what extent it is utilised.

SHRI H. N. BAHUGUNA: Naphtha is also used for producing fertilizers and to the extent it is available today we are using Naphtha as feedstuff for fertilizer industry also.

Providing Diesel Engines to Trains running in Saurashtra

*289. PROF. P. G. MAVALANKAR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to use the diesel engines and also to speed up the several trains running in the entire railway network of Saurashtra region in Gujarat;