

customer has the option to take/collect the refill cylinder from the godown of the dealer and obtain a rebate of Re. 1 in the price. Customers opting for this arrangement are given suitable briefing on safe handling, transporting, connecting/disconnecting of the refill cylinder.

Setting up of Polyester Plants

703. SHRI R. SAMBA SIVA RAO: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM be pleased to state—

(a) whether Government propose to set up five polyester plants in the country; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM (SHRI NAWAL KISHORE SHARMA): (a) and (b) Letters of Intent/Industrial Licence have been issued to; M/s. Karnataka State Industrial Investment & Development Corporation Ltd., M/s Madhya Pradesh State Industrial Development Corporation Ltd., M/s Reliance Textile Industries Ltd., M/s Orissa Synthetics Ltd., Punjab State Industrial Development Corporation Ltd., and M/s India Polyfibres Ltd. to set up polyester staple fibre plants in the States of Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Orissa, Punjab and Uttar Pradesh respectively.

Setting up of new acrylic fibre plant

704. SHRI R. SAMBA SIVA RAO: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up a new acrylic fibre plant in the country; and

(b) if so, the name of the place where it is proposed to be set up?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM (SHRI NAWAL KISHORE SHARMA): (a) and (b) A letter of intent has been issued for setting up a plant to manufacture acrylic ore in District Moradabad, Uttar Pradesh.

Unsatisfactory performance of public sector fertilizer units in the country

705. SHRI RAM NARESH KUSHAWAHA: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the names of public sector fertilizer units in the country which have been continuously showing unsatisfactory performance during the last three years;

(b) what are the reasons therefor; and what is the extent of loss in production suffered by these units as a result thereof during the same period; and

(c) whether Government have reviewed the working of these fertilizer units to formulate a reorganisation plan to make them financially viable and if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI VEE-RENDRA PATIL): (a) Names of the public sector fertilizer units showing unsatisfactory performance during the last three years are as follows:—

1. Fertilizer Corporation of India (Sindri, Gorakhpur, Ramagundam and Talcher units).

2. Hindustan Fertilizer Corporation (Namrup-I, Namrup-II, Durgapur and Barauni units).

(b) Equipment and power problems are the major factors responsible for unsatis-