

Fertilizer projects under construction

855. SHRI B. D. BARMAN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the fertilizer projects under construction at present mentioning the year of commencement of the construction of these projects;

(b) whether any of these projects has caused inordinate delay of completion; and

(c) if so, the details and the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI K. R. GANESH): (a)

| Name of projects under construction | Date of commencement of construction/implementation |
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Public Sector

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| 1. Barauni | March, 1968 |
| 2. Namrup (Expansion) | March, 1968 |
| 3. Sindri Rationalisation | February, 1969 |
| 4. Ramagundam | July, 1971 |
| 5. Talcher | July, 1971 |
| 6. Haldia | September, 1972 |
| 7. Gorakhpur (Expansion) | June, 1972 |
| 8. Nangal Expansion | March, 1973 |
| 9. Kobra | May, 1974 |
| 10. Cochin II | June, 1971 |
| 11. Bhatinda | August, 1974 |
| 12. Trombay IV | June, 1974 |
| 13. Sindri Modernisation | October, 1974 |

Private Sector

- | | |
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| 14. Mangalore | October, 1972 |
| 15. Tuticorin | February, 1972 |

(b) and (c). Yes, Sir. The implementation of some of these projects have been delayed mainly due to the delay in the delivery of equipments, both indigenous and imported, labour problems, difficulties in transportation of equipment, etc

Snapping of A.C.R.S. wire

856. SHRI INDRADEEP SINHA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that about 65,000 metres of A.C.R.S. wire have been snapped by thieves from the telegraph lines in the Kanpur-Achhnera section of Northern-Eastern Railway during the year 1974;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) the measures taken by Government to catch the culprits and the action taken against them?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BUTA SINGH): (a) and (b). Yes, 57,980 metres of A.C.R.S. wire valued at about Rs. 34,014 was stolen from the telegraph lines between Kanpur-Achhnera Section of the North-Eastern Railway during 1974.

(c) Cases have been reported to the Civil Police for investigation, recovery of stolen property and arrest of culprits.

†Crisis in Nylon Spinning Industry

512. SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO:
SHRI LOKANATH MISRA:
SHRI M. P. VARMA:
SHRI SITARAM SINGH:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the nylon spinning industry is facing difficulties; and

†Transferred from the 25th February, 1975.

(b) if so, the details of the difficulties faced by the nylon spinning industry and what steps have been taken by Government to help the industry?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI C. P. MAJHI): (a) and (b). The nylon textile spinning units could operate at capacity utilisation levels of 78 per cent in 1973 and 64 per cent in 1974, mainly due to restricted availability of the main raw material-caprolactam. The indigenous production of caprolactam commenced only in August, 1974 but due to certain teething problems, the production was only about 2,800 tonnes upto the end of 1974. However, the availability of caprolactam is expected to improve considerably this year and the difficulties of the industry in this regard would be mitigated.

†कोरबा उर्वरक परियोजना

682. श्री रामकृपाल सिंह : क्या पेट्रोलियम और रसायन मंत्री यह बताने क क्षमता करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि विदेशी मुद्रा के अभाव के कारण कोरबा उर्वरक परियोजना के कार्य को धक्का पहुंचा है ;

(ख) क्या यह सच है कि इसके परिणाम स्वरूप लगभग चार करोड़ रुपये की हानि होने का अनुमान है ;

(ग) क्या च.पी.पंचवर्षीय योजना के दौरान इस परियोजना के विस्तार के लिए कोई धनराशि निर्धारित की गयी थी ; और

(घ) यदि हां, तो स्थिति पर काबू पाने के लिए सरकार ने क्या कार्यवाही की है ?

†[Korba fertilizer project

683. DR. RAMKRIPAL SINHA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that due to lack of foreign exchange there is a setback in the work in the Korba Fertilizer Project;

(b) whether it is a fact that loss of nearly 4 crores of rupees is estimated to be suffered as a result thereof;

(c) whether any amount was earmarked for the expansion of the project during the Fourth Five Year Plan; and

(d) if so, what action Government have taken to tide over this situation?]

पेट्रोलियम और रसायन मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री के० आर० गणेश) : (क) से (घ) जी नहीं ; तथापि रुपया श्रात स्थिति का ध्यान में रखते हुए प्रयोजना के कार्यान्वयन का पुनः चरणबद्ध किया जा रहा है ।

†[THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI K R. GANESH): (a) to (d). No, Sir; however, the implementation of the project is being re-phased with due regard to the rupee resource position.]

STATEMENT BY MINISTER CORRECTING REPLY TO UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 492 ANSWERED ON THE 4TH MARCH, 1974—WRIT PETITIONS IN INCOME-TAX MATTERS PENDING IN CALCUTTA HIGH COURT

DR. (SMT.) SAROJINI MAHISHI: Mr. Chairman, Sir, the Unstarred Question No. 492 was answered on