

DOMESTIC OUTPUT AND ACTUAL DEMAND FOR FERTILIZER IMPORTS

1428. SHRI M. K. MOHTA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a recent study made by the Fertilizer Association has shown an alarming gap between the domestic output and the actual demand for fertilizer imports even at the end of Fifth Plan;

(b) if so, the details thereof and how far it is likely to have a bearing on the foreign exchange in the import of fertilizers; and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken to increase the indigenous production of fertilizers to meet the demand?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) and (b) According to a study made by the Fertilizer Association of India, an installed capacity of 7 million tonnes of nitrogen and 2.5 million tonnes of P_2O_5 will have to be established by 1978-79 if self-sufficiency in fertilizer production is to be achieved by that time.

The Task Force on Fertilizers constituted by Govt. is already looking into the various problems relating to development of the industry with special reference to the steps that would have to be taken to push up production to meet the fertilizer demands during the Fifth Plan period. The suggestions etc. made by the Fertilizer Association are being taken into account in the studies being made by the Task Force. The gap if any, between domestic production of fertilizers and requirements; will be met by imports,

(c) 14 fertilizer projects (including expansions of 3 existing units) are at present under implementation. Four more projects are expected to be taken up for implementation shortly. Certain other proposals for creating additional fertilizer

capacity are also under consideration. These are in addition to measures that are being taken on a continuing basis to optimise production in the existing units. Besides, special efforts are being made to speed up commissioning of the projects which are under construction.

जावद रोड रेलवे स्टेशन पर सामान्य सुविधाओं का अभाव

1429 श्री वीरेन्द्र कुमार सखलेचा : क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि अजमेर-खंडवा मीटर लाइन पर जावद रोड रेलवे स्टेशन पर प्रतीक्षालय, स्नानगृह और शौचालय जैसी सामान्य सुविधाएं भी उपलब्ध नहीं हैं और जावद और जावद रोड रेलवे स्टेशन के बीच टेलीफोन सम्बन्ध भी नहीं है ;

(ख) क्या यह भी सच है कि कर्मचारियों के क्वार्टरों में बिजली भी नहीं है यद्यपि स्टेशन पर बिजली है ; और

(ग) यदि हां, तो सरकार इस संबंध में क्या कार्यवाही करने का विचार रखती है ?

F[LACK OF BASIC AMENITIES AT JAWAD ROAD RAILWAY STATION

1429. SHRI V. K. SAKHALECHA: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that basic amenities like waiting rooms, bathrooms and latrines have not been provided at the Jawad Road Railway Station on the Ajmer-Khandwa metre gauge line and also there is no telephone connection between Jawad and Jawad Road Railway Station.

(b) whether it is also fact that there is no electricity in the staff quarters although the station is elec-rified; and

(c) if so, what action Government propose to take in this regard.]

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