

SETTING UP OF A FERTILIZER COMPLEX IN GUJARAT

*3. SHRI KALI MUKHERIEE : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) the names of the foreign collaborating firms to whom contracts have been given by the Indian Farmers' Fertiliser Cooperatives Ltd., for different items for works for establishment of a fertiliser complex in Gujarat, and the cost at which each contract has been assigned;

(b) whether it is a fact that the cost of each item of work assigned under these contracts is exorbitant; and

(c) the total estimated cost of the project and how it compares with the cost of identical project set up in U.S.A., U.K., U.S.S.R. and other European countries ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ANNASAHAB SHINDE) (a) to (c) : A statement is placed on the Table of the Rajya Sabha.

STATEMENT

(a) The names of the foreign firms with whom Indian Farmers Fertiliser Cooperative Limited have entered into contracts for construction of their fertiliser plants and the amount of each contract are:—

- (i) M.W. Kellogg Company, Houston (USA) for Ammonia Plant — \$ 17.460 million (Rs. 13.095 crores approximately).
- (ii) Humphreys & Glass Ltd., London (UK) — for Urea Plant & Offsites — £ (sterling) 5.628 million (Rs. 10.693 crores approx.).
- (iii) Door-Oliver (India) Ltd., Bombay, a subsidiary of Door Oliver Stamford (USA)—for NPK Plant & Offsites - ^ \$ 0.850 million (Rs. 0.638 crores approx.) and £,

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(Sterling) 0.757 million (Rs. 1.438 crores approx.).

- (iv) Stamicarbon N.V., Geleen (The Netherlands) — Urea Plant process knowhow, engineering and supervision — Dutch Florins 2.8 million (Rs. 0.58 crores approx.).

In addition, Indian Farmers Fertiliser Cooperative Ltd., has also entered into a cooperation agreement with Cooperative Fertilizers International, Chicago, (USA)—for technical, managerial and training services, the estimated cost of which is \$ 1.77 million (Rs. 1.328 crores approx.).

- (b) It is not exorbitant.

(c) The total estimated cost of the project is Rs. 91.6 crores. Direct comparison with costs in European countries is not possible due to differences in technology, price level, capacities etc., but the cost is considered reasonable when compared with other fertiliser projects under construction in India.

EVOLUTION OF NATIONAL CULTURE ON SCIENTIFIC BASIS

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Will the Minister of EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE be pleased to state the details of the steps Government propose to take for the evolution of an Indian national culture on scientific basis ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION, SOCIAL WELFARE AND CULTURE (SHRI D. P. YADAV) : Evolution of culture is scarcely a matter for direct Government action. However, Government would like to encourage such development and formulate their policy after considering the Report of the Khosla Committee on the three Akademies and the Indian Council for Cultural Relations, and of a Seminar held under the auspices of the Indian Institute of Advanced Studies.