

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

PROPOSAL FOR STEEL POLE MANUFACTURING PLANT IN TRAVANCORE-COCHIN

*212 } SHRI GOVINDAN NAIR:
 } SHRI J.V.K. VALLABHARAO:

Will the Minister for COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal under consideration to set up a Steel Pole Manufacturing Plant in Travancore-Cochin; and

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

THE MINISTER FOR HEAVY INDUSTRIES (SHRI M. M. SHAH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

TECHNICAL COMMITTEE'S REPORT ON FERTILISERS AND CHEMICAL TRAVANCORE LTD.

*213 } SHRI GOVINDAN NAIR:
 } SHRI J.V.K. VALLABHARAO:

Will the Minister for COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Technical Committee appointed by Government to go into the question of expansion of the Fertilizer and Chemical Travancore, Limited has submitted its report; and

(b) if so, what are the broad features of the report?

THE MINISTER FOR HEAVY INDUSTRIES (SHRI M. M. SHAH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT

Technical Committee's Report on Fertilisers and Chemical Travancore Ltd.

(a) The Committee estimated that the cost of production of ammonium sulphate would be brought down provided the following changes in the manufacturing process and expansion in capacity are achieved:

(1) Production of ammonia from electrolytic hydrogen and nitrogen obtained from liquid air.

(2) Increase in capacity for ammonia production to 70 tons per day.

(3) Increase in capacity for ammonium sulphate production from 135 tons per day to 200 tons per day.

(4) Adoption of acid neutralisation process for manufacture of ammonium sulphate.

(5) Production of new fertilisers like ammonium phosphate.

(b) The total additional investment required for securing expansion on the above lines would be approximately Rs. 256 lakhs.

OFFSET PRESS AND COPYING MACHINES UNDER TECHNICAL CO-OPERATION PROGRAMME

76. SHRI M. VALIULLA: Will the Minister for COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether an offset Press and Copying Machine with other ancillary equipment has been supplied by the United States of America under the Technical Co-operation Programme;

(b) if so, where these machines have been installed; and

(c) the amount of work turned out by each of these machines so far?

THE MINISTER FOR COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY AND IRON AND STEEL (SHRI T. T. KRISHNAMACHARI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A part of the equipment including an offset press has arrived so far. The offset press has been installed in the Office of the Development Commissioner, Small-scale Industries, New Delhi.

(c) The machine will start operating when the entire equipment has arrived.

CEMENT FACTORIES

77. SHRI M. VALIULLA: Will the Minister for COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) how many new cement factories were started during the last two years in (i) Andhra, (ii) Madras, (iii) Mysore, and (iv) Travancore-Cochin;

(b) what is their annual production capacity; and

(c) what has been their annual production during those years?