

to the Employees' Provident Funds and Miscellaneous Provisions (EPF and MP) Act, 1952 is under consideration of the Government which, *inter-alia*, includes reducing the threshold limit for coverage under the Act from 20 to 10 employees.

**Delay in construction of green house building of ONGC**

†433. SHRIMATI KANAK LATA SINGH:

SHRI VISHAMBHAR PRASAD NISHAD:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the date on which the construction of under construction green house building of ONGC in Vasant Kunj, New Delhi was started and by when it was supposed to be constructed and the period of delay thereof;

(b) whether it is a fact that the cost of the above building has been approximately doubled due to the delay in its construction;

(c) if so, the reasons of delay thereof and the persons responsible for the above and whether any action has been taken against them; and

(d) the status of the above building thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN): (a) The construction of green house building of ONGC in Vasant Kunj was started on 01.04.2010 and was expected to be completed by 30.03.2012. The project is delayed by more than four years.

(b) No, Sir. The contract was awarded at fixed cost without any provision of escalation of cost.

(c) While the construction was in progress, the contractor, M/s Consolidated Construction Consortium Limited (CCCL) came under severe financial crises and subsequently became a Corporate Debt Restructuring case. The contractor was not able to maintain required cash flow to the project resulting in delay in its completion.

The penalty as per Liquidating damage clause of agreement (10% of the cost of contract) has been imposed on the contractor.

(d) The building is complete and application for occupancy certificate has been submitted to Municipal Corporation of Delhi on 15.12.2015. Required Statutory clearances are being obtained.

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† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.