

[8th December, 2000] RAJYA SABHA

(c) Equipment problem, shortage of raw materials like natural gas, ammonia and phosphoric acid and unscheduled shutdown for maintenance jobs were primary reasons for shortfall in production of fertilizer.

Revival of IDPL

2067 .DR. ALLADIP. RAJKUMAR:

SHRI K.M. SAIFULLAH:

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

(a) whether requests have been received from some Members of Parliament

to revive IDPL, instead of selling the financially sick company;

(b) whether workers have alleged that the CMD was deliberately not allowing IDPL's survival; and

(c) the action taken to revive IDPL and maintain availability of vital life-saving drugs for the masses?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SATYA BRATA MOOKHERJEE): (a) and (b): Yes, Sir.

(c) IDPL is a sick company referred to the Board for Industrial and Financial Reconstruction (BIFR). The future of the company, including revival would be determined by the proceedings and the final decision of the BIFR.

EPC for bulk drugs and pharmaceuticals

2068. DR. Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposed to constitute an independent Export Promotion Council for bulk drugs and pharmaceuticals, with headquarters at Hyderabad, for promoting international trade;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the action proposed in this regard, in view of Hyderabad exporting more than Rs. 1200 crores in a year.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SATYA BRATA MOOKHERJEE): (a) Government have not decided to have a separate Export Promotion Council for drugs and pharmaceuticals.

(b) and (c) Do not arise in view of (a). Decrease in fertilizers production in private sector

2069. SHRI GOPALSINH G. SOLANKI: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS ' AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state;

(a) whether the growth rate of annual urea and fertilizer production in private sector, with its capacity in the country, has decreased drastically during the last few years;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the target fixed for urea and other fertilizer production in private sector during the Ninth Five Year Plan, especially in the Western and Southern Regions; and

(d) the steps taken/proposed to be taken to augment the growth rate of production during the current year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SATYA BRATA MOOKHERJEE): (a) and (b) There has been no decline in annual urea and other fertilizers production in Private Sector during the last 3 years. Growth in installed capacity and production of urea, nitrogenous (N) and phosphatic (P) fertilizers during 1999-2000 over 1997-98, was as under;

(in lakh tonnes')

	Installed capacity			Production		
	Urea	N	P	Urea	N	P
1997-98	7026	39.11	18.15	79.65	4434	17.70
1999-2000	78.11	44.03	23.02	89.48	49.34	19.13
%age Growth during 1999-20 over 1997-98	11.0	126	26.8	123	113	8.1

(c) Zone-wise and sector-wise targets for production of urea and other fertilizers are not being fixed in the Ninth Five Year Plan. However, production