

(d) the details of research and development proposals cleared for development of Polymers during the last three years, State-wise, particularly in Gujarat?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRITAPAN SIKDAR): (a) The production of major polymers in the country during the last three years, State-wise including Gujarat, is given in the enclosed Statement (*See* below)

(b) There are no specific proposals under consideration of the Government for development of Polymers for multiple use.

(c) The Indian Polymer Industry has been making continuous efforts towards developing new polymer applications in various spheres of human life. Polymers have already substituted traditional materials like wood, paper, etc. due to their efficiency and cost-effectiveness.

(d) No proposals for research & development of Polymers have been approved by the Government during the last three years.

Revival of IDPL

†1084. SHRI RAMADHAR KASHYAP: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government have formulated any scheme to revive IDPL;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor? i

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR): (a) and (b) IDPL is a sick company under reference to the Board for Industrial and Financial Reconstruction (BIFR). A communication has been sent to the BIFR intimating the following concessions/facilities that the Government intends to provide to facilitate its privatisation through the induction of strategic partners:

- (i) Conversion of Government loan into equity.
- (ii) Waiver of interest/penal interest and guarantee fee by the Government of India. I
- (iii) Payment of outstanding statutory dues and finding of VRS.

(c) Does not arise in view of reply above.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.