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- (iv) Import of capital goods for setting up of new fertilizer plants/modernisation of existing units at a concessional rate of customs duty.

Outlay for Urea projects

197. SHRI BRAHMA KUMAR BHATT: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

- (a) the total outlay for new projects and expansion of the existing urea projects of PSUs/Cooperative Societies during last year;
- (b) the amount utilised till date;
- (c) whether the amount was un-utilised; and
- (d) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SATYA BRATA MOOKHERJEE): (a) to (d) The total outlay for new/expansion urea projects of PSUs/ Co-operative Societies within the country for the year 2001-02, is Rs.389.74 crore. As on 31.12.2001, Rs. 127.70 crore of the outlay has been utilised. The low utilisation of the outlay was due to non-commencement of implementation of any major urea projects in public/co-operative sector during the year.

Effect of Alumina Projects on wildlife

198. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

- (a) what would be effect of the proposed setting up of the Alumina Projects in the Kashipur block of the Rayagada District in Orissa, from the point of view of wildlife;
- (b) whether any study has been carried out by the Wildlife wing of the State Forest Department or Central Government, on the presence of wildlife in the proposed areas, which are being brought under the Alumina projects;
- (c) whether the projects would adversely affect the tiger and elephant movement corridors, which are so vital for conservation of wildlife in Orissa; and
- (d) whether Government have been apprised of the matter in this regard, if not, why?