

Complex Fertilizers

*693. { Qasi Matin:
Shri S. C. Gedsora:
Shri Ignace Beck.

Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state

(a) whether Government have any plans to produce complex fertilizers in the country, and

(b) if so, what is the percentage of nitrogen, phosphorous and potash in the compound?

The Minister of Industry (Shri Manubhai Shah): (a) and (b) The Technical Committee appointed to consider among other things the pattern of production at the proposed Trombay Fertilizer Factory have recommended the production of nitro phosphate complex fertilizer in the factory along with urea. The nitro-phosphate will have an NPK ratio of about 17 15 0. Government are also considering further plans to encourage production of complex fertilizers.

Oman

*694. { Shri A. K. Gopalan:
Shri Kunhan:
Shri Aurobindo Ghosal
Shri Raghunath Singh
Shri Shivnanajappa:
Shri H. N. Mukerjee:
Shri Muhammed Elias:

Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state

(a) whether the attention of the Prime Minister has been drawn to atrocities committed by the British troops in Oman,

(b) whether any delegation led by the Deputy Imam of Oman recently met the officials of the External Affairs Ministry; and

(c) if so, nature of the request made to the Ministry by the delegation?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of External Affairs (Shri Sadath Ali Khan): (a) to (c) Prince Harithy, who called himself the Deputy Imam of Oman, recently visited India with three of his colleagues. They met the officers of the External Affairs Ministry and complained of bombing of their territory by the R A F and intervention by the British troops. They pleaded India's support to their struggle for independence. They were told that while the Government of India have always been sympathetic towards colonial people struggling for their independence, a mere declaration of support was not helpful.

Ceiling on Indian Textiles

*695. Shri Bimal Ghose: Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No 510 on the 3rd December, 1958 and state

(a) whether any agreement has been reached between British and Indian textile interests about fixation of a ceiling on Indian textile exports to Britain

(b) if so what is the ceiling,

(c) if the reply to part (a) is in the negative, whether any ceiling has been suggested by the British textile interests, and

(d) if so, what is the ceiling suggested?

The Minister of Commerce (Shri Kanungo): (a) to (d) Government is aware that negotiations are going on between the British and Indian textile interests about fixation of a ceiling on Indian textile exports to Britain. But no agreement has, however, been reached so far. Government are not directly party to the negotiations and it would neither be advisable nor helpful to disclose any information they may have at this stage.