

The Deputy Minister of External Affairs (Shri Anil K. Chanda): (a) No exact information is available but the number is variously estimated at 1500 to 2500.

(b) and (c). Every person who wishes to enter the Sudan must be in possession of a valid passport or other travel document duly endorsed for travel to the Sudan and must, in addition, have a permit to enter the Sudan. Permits to remain permanently in Sudan are rarely granted and each case is examined on its own merits.

Shri K. C. Sodhia: Are there any Sudanese in India?

Shri Anil K. Chanda: I am afraid I cannot say.

LEATHER INDUSTRIES IN MADHYA PRADESH

*1185. **Shri N. A. Borkar:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government of Madhya Pradesh have submitted a scheme regarding the leather co-operative industry to the Central Government;

(b) if so the details of the scheme; and

(c) when it is likely to be implemented?

The Minister of Commerce (Shri Karmarkar): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A statement is laid on the Table of the House. [See Appendix VII, annexure No. 19].

(c) During the course of the current financial year.

Shri Thimmaiah: May I know the names of the other States that have submitted similar schemes?

Shri Karmarkar: I should like to have notice.

FERTILIZERS

*1186. **Shri Barman:** Will the Minister of Production be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indo-American Aid programme has provided funds for a

survey of the Sindri Fertilizer Factory leading to its expansion;

(b) if so, the products whose production is likely to be increased; and

(c) whether Government have considered the advisability of utilising the energy from the Bhakra electricity for production of fertilizers at some convenient place where gypsum is readily available?

The Minister of Production (Shri K. C. Reddy): (a) The Technical Co-operation Mission of the United States of America has provided funds for a survey of proposals designed to utilise the waste gases from the coke ovens at Sindri for the manufacture of fertilizers.

(b) Proposals to produce two new fertilizers, Urea and Ammonium Nitrate-Sulphate. (Double-salt), are under examination.

(c) As I have already stated in reply to Starred Question No. 332 by Dr. Ram Subhag Singh on the 31st August, 1954, proposals relating to the extent of expansion required of the capacity for fertilizer production in the country, the means to be adopted for achieving this and as to where new units can be established are now under the examination of the Government.

Shri Barman: May I know whether the target of one thousand tons per day of fertilizer production has been reached in the Sindri plant?

Shri K. C. Reddy: This is a limited question. In the first place I would like to say what is really in the public mind, namely, that the capacity of Sindri is one thousand tons per day, is not quite correct. The capacity is 960 tons per day, to state it accurately. And it is not as if the plant is in production throughout the year. On certain days it keeps closed down for maintenance and other things like that. So the annual target production of Sindri, to be correctly stated, would be about 3 lakh tons. We are trying to reach up to that target.