

Synthetic Rubber Factories in Public Sector

574. **Shri Chandak:** Will the Minister of Petroleum and Chemicals be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up two synthetic rubber factories in the public sector;

(b) if so, the progress made in this respect; and

(c) when and where the factories are likely to be set up?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Petroleum and Chemicals (Shri Alagesan): (a) Yes.

(b) Government are currently examining proposals received from some foreign Companies for technical and financial collaboration.

(c) Bombay and Koyali have been proposed as suitable locations. But no final decision has yet been taken either about location or the time-schedule of erection.

Synthetic Rubber Factory

575. **Shri Chandak:** Will the Minister of Petroleum and Chemicals be pleased to state:

(a) whether a second licence has been issued to set up a synthetic rubber factory in the private sector;

(b) if so, the annual capacity of the plant;

(c) the type of synthetic rubber to be produced and the expected ex-factory price of the synthetic rubber produced by it; and

(d) when the factory is expected to go into production?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Petroleum and Chemicals (Shri Alagesan): (a) No second licence has been issued. However, a letter of intent has been issued.

(b) 25,000 tonnes per annum.

(c) Cis-polybutadiene type. Ex-factory price is not available.

(d) Not possible to say at this stage.

Mining Engineers

576. **Shri P. C. Borooah:** Will the Minister of Home Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have, of late, been considering the question of deputing some mining engineers for service in the African countries; and

(b) if so, when a decision is likely to be taken in this regard?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Home Affairs (Shri L. N. Mishra): (a) and (b). Government are prepared to depute mining engineers to newly developing countries in Africa if their services are required by such countries.

Welfare Programme for Women Employees

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Shri Yashpal Singh:
Shri Balmiki:

Will the Minister of Home Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have undertaken any welfare programme for women employees of Central Government;

(b) if so, the nature of the programme, the financial assistance rendered and the areas which it covers; and

(c) whether there is any proposal before Government to re-organise the programme?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Home Affairs (Shri L. N. Mishra): (a) The welfare programme undertaken by the Government is for both men and women employees. There is no special welfare programme exclusively for women employees.