

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF FERTILIZERS IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI R. PRABHU) : (a) to (c). According to the information available with us, only 4 standard size SSP units were reported to be under shut-down in January 1987 due to stock build-up. The capacity utilisation of SSP units in the country during the period April-December 1986 has been around 55%. In the western zone, however, the capacity utilisation has been around 62% during the same period. Due to unfavourable weather conditions in many parts of the country during 1986-87, consumption of fertilizers including SSP has been low. With a view to balancing demand and supply, the import of fertilizers during 1986-87 has been reduced by about 6.3 lakh tonnes of nutrients. It has also been decided not to import nitrogenous and phosphatic fertilizers during the first quarter of 1987-88. However, the position is being reviewed regularly in the light of consumption trends.

**Report of Expert Committee on Pesticides**

1810. SHRI V. SOBHANADREESWARA RAO : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the high-level expert committee constituted to review the use of all the pesticides which have been banned or restricted in other countries and are being used in India has submitted the report;

(b) if so, the main recommendations of the committee; and

(c) the reaction of the Government to the recommendations ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA) : (a) Yes, Sir. The High Level Expert Committee has submitted two instalments of its report on DDT and BHC.

(b) and (c). The implementation of recommendation of the Committee can be

considered after their examination with reference to all relevant factors.

**Setting up of Aluminium Research and Development Design Centre**

1811. SHRI SRIBALLAV PANIGRAHI :  
DR. G.S. RAJHANS :  
SHRIMATI N.P. JHANSI  
LAKSHMI :

Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is a proposal under consideration of Government to set up an Aluminium Research Development and Design Centre;

(b) if so, the proposed functions and activities of the centre; and

(c) the extent to which the production and quality of aluminium will undergo a check at this centre ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF MINES IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRIMATI RAMDULARI SINHA) : (a) The Government has approved the setting up of an Aluminium Research, Development and Design Centre.

(b) The main functions and activities proposed for the Centre include petrological, mineralogical and chemical investigations of various bauxites and development of know-how, process technology and basic engineering in the field of alumina and aluminium production.

(c) The Centre will have analytical research facilities for checking the quality of aluminium.

**Implementation of Palekar Award**

1812. SHRI H.N. NANJE GOWDA :  
SHRIMATI BASAVARAJESWARI :  
SHRI G.S. BASAVARAJU :

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state :

(a) whether even after a decade of Government Notification to effect wage