

Working Group on Fertilizer Re-organisation

5447. SHRI SAUGATA ROY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the working group on fertilizer re-organisation has submitted a report to the Government;

(b) if so, the broad details of the report thereof;

(c) whether the group has recommended that of the proposed National Fertilizers should be at Calcutta; and

(d) if so, the decision by the Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The report deals with legal, financial, personnel and other connected matters relating to the re-organisation of the FCI/NFL.

(c) The Working Group, *inter alia*, had suggested that the head quarters of the Hindustan Fertilizer Corporation Limited should be located at Calcutta.

(d) After considering the recommendations of the Working Group, the Government have decided to re-organise the FCI and NFL whose present headquarters are at Delhi to form the following five companies:

1. Fertilizer Corporation of India Limited.

2. National Fertilizers Limited.

3. Hindustan Fertilizer Corporation Limited.

4. Rashtriya Chemicals and Fertilizers Limited.

5. Fertilizer (Planning and Development) India Limited.

Fertilizer (P&D) India Limited and Rashtriya Chemicals and Fertilizers Ltd., have their head-quarters in Sindri and Bombay respectively. The headquarters of the remaining three companies would at present be located in Delhi. The question of final locations of the headquarters of these companies is under examination of the Government.

Tanakpur-Pithorgarh Line

5448. DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any plan to construct a railway line from Tanakpur to Pithorgarh considering the strategic importance and the rich potential of that border area;

(b) if so, the progress made to date; and

(c) if not, the reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SHEO NARAIN): (a) to (c). Construction of railway lines on strategic considerations is taken up on the recommendations of the Ministry of Defence. There is no proposal presently under consideration for construction of a railway line between Tanakpur and Pithorgarh.

Railway line between India and Nepal

5449. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK:

SHRI G. M. BANATWALLA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to