

(b) whether Government have any proposal under consideration to exempt them from the payment of the fee ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA) : (a) and (b). Information relating to part (a) of the Question is not readily available and is being collected. On receipt, information pertaining to parts (a) and (b) of the Question will be laid on the Table of the House.

Sodium-Dichromate Plants in the Country

6412. SHRI A. K. KOTRASHETTI : Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether our country is self-suffi-

cient in Sodium-dichromate and if not, the measures taken by Government in this regard;

(b) how many sodium-dichromate plants are there in our country; and

(c) what is the production capacity of each ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SIDDHESHWAR PRASAD) : (a) Our country is not only self-sufficient in Sodium Dichromate, but is also exporting this chemical.

(b) and (c). The particulars of the Sodium Dichromate units in production both in the Medium and Small Scale Sector are as under :-

I. Units borne on the rolls of DGTD

Name of the Unit	Production/capacity in tonnes per annum
1. M/s. Buckingham & Carnatic Co. Ltd., Madras.	1670
2. M/s. Golden Chemicals Ltd., Bombay.	5550
3. M/s. Pioneer Chromate Ltd., Bombay.	1680
4. M/s., Cawnpore Chemical works Ltd., Kanpur.	1340

II. Units in the Small Scale Sector

1. M/s. Nagrath Chemical Works (P) Ltd., Kanpur	80
2. M/s. India Chemical Corporation Kanpur.	365
3. M/s. Dinker Chemicals, Kanpur.	540
4. M/s. Chromates and Pigments, Madras.	200