

Investment in Fertilizer Industry During Eighth Plan

8173. SHRI MANORANJAN BHAKTA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state the amount proposed to be invested in the fertilizer industry in public, private and cooperative sectors separately during the Eighth Plan period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI UPENDRA NATH VERMA): As the VIII Plan has not yet been finalised, it is not possible to furnish the amount proposed to be invested in the fertilizer industry in public, private and cooperative sectors separately.

Technology Upgradation of Fertilizer Industry

8174. SHRI MANORANJAN BHAKTA:
SHRI ERA ANBARASU:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to pay special attention to the fertilizer industry in the area of technology to meet the challenges of 1990s; and

(b) if so, the steps taken or proposed to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI UPENDRA NATH VERMA): (a) and (b). Government would encourage technological upgradation and modernisation of fertiliser plants. For setting up new plants, Government would consider various latest technologies available. It is also pro-

posed to strengthen R & D facilities of the existing organisations.

Disconnection of Telephone for Non-payment of Bill in Madhya Pradesh

8175. SHRI YASHWANTRAO PATIL: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government telephones installed in the Madhya Pradesh Secretariat in Bhopal were recently disconnected for non-payment of bills,

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether there are any precedents in which telephones of any Central Government offices were disconnected for the same reasons; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. 256 telephones belonging to Madhya Pradesh Secretariat were disconnected due to non-payment of Telephone Bills amounting to Rs. 32 lakhs, issued upto December 1989.

(c) and (d). Yes, Sir. Telephones of the Central Government offices at Bhopal mentioned below were also disconnected for the same reason: (from January 90 to March 90)

Income Tax	—	2
Railways	—	15
Defence	—	5
Others	—	5