

Dock Limited will be the greatest fighting force to the Indian Navy, and

(b) if so, to what extent it will be helpful to Navy?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI JAGJIVAN RAM) (a) and (b) INS Nilgiri is a modern general purpose frigate and will be an asset to our Navy

Different classes of warships have different roles. As such, it will not be appropriate to make a comparative assessment of the nature suggested in the question

Smuggling on India-Bangla Desh Border

*94 SHRI SHASHI BHUSHAN Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state

(a) whether attention of Government has been drawn to the news item which appeared in the 'Navbharat Times' dated the 23rd June to the effect that smugglers have become more active on the India-Bangladesh border and

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI) (a) Yes Sir, Govt have seen the report that appeared in 'Navbharat Times' dated the 23rd June 1972 regarding smuggling on India-Bangladesh border

(b) The seizures of contraband goods made by the various enforcement authorities during the last six months indicate that there is some amount of smuggling across the Bangla Desh border. However, stern measures are being taken by the Customs, Border Security Force and the State Governments to check the smuggling

Expansion of Nangal Fertilizer Factory modernisation of Sindri Fertilizer Factory and Establishment of new fertilizer factories in Punjab and Haryana

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SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state

(a) whether there is any proposal under the consideration of the Government for the expansion of Nangal Fertilizer Factory, Modernisation of Sindri Fertilizer Factory and establishment of new fertilizer factories in Punjab and Haryana,

(b) if so the broad outlines of the proposal, and

(c) the other steps proposed to be taken by Government to augment the production of fertilizers with a view to make the country self sufficient?

THE MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE AND PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI H R GOKHALE)

(a) Yes, Sir

(b) A statement giving required information is laid on the table of the House

(c) Efforts are being made to increase indigenous production of fertilizers with a view to achieving self sufficiency as early as possible by (a) maximising capacity utilisation in the existing units (b) creation of additional capacity by setting up new fertilizer plants and (c) by expansion of existing units where feasible

Statement

(1) *Nangal Expansion* The proposal for expansion of the Nangal Fertilizer Factory has been posed to the World Bank or foreign exchange financing and is presently under consideration of the Bank

The project envisages ammonia production of 900 tonnes per day, of which 600 tonnes per day will be used for production of urea to the extent of 1000 tonnes per day and the remaining 300 tonnes of ammonia per day will be used for maintaining the present production of 80,000 tonnes per annum of nitrogen in the existing plans as calcium ammonium nitrate. The electrolyser and ammonia plants in the existing unit will be gradually replaced and consequently the power requirements of the existing units may be reduced from 164 MW per day to 36 MW per day. The estimated cost of the project is Rs. 73.62 crores of which foreign exchange portion is estimated at Rs. 39.15 crores. The project will be based on fuel oil as the feed-stock.

(2) *Sindri Modernisation* : The scheme envisages the production of 40,000 tonnes of additional ammonium sulphate and 3,79,000 tonnes of urea. In terms of nitrogen, the capacity would go up from about 85,000 tonnes to about 2,55,000 tonnes per annum. The scheme involves a change over from the present feed-stock of coke and coke-oven gas to LSHS/HSLS (i.e. heavy petroleum fractions) from the refineries at Bongaigaon/Barauni. The project is estimated to cost about Rs. 96.25 crores with a foreign exchange component of Rs. 23.45 crores.

(3) *Proposal for a fertilizer plant at Bhatinda in Punjab* : The Punjab State Industrial Development Corporation Ltd. have submitted a proposal for the establishment of a fertilizer plant at Bhatinda in Punjab envisaging a production of 1000 tonnes of urea per day based on 600 tonnes per day of Ammonia plant. The capital cost of the project is estimated at Rs. 42.59 crores and Rs. 47.43 crores depending on the use of Naphtha or LSHS/fuel oil as feedstock. The foreign exchange cost is estimated to be of the order of Rs. 11.28 crores or 13.71 crores respectively depending on the feedstock used.

(4) *Proposal for a fertilizer project in Haryana* : M/s. Bharat Steel Tubes Ltd. have submitted a proposal for the establishment of a fertilizer plant in Haryana envisaging production of 100 tonnes of urea per day based on a 600 tonnes per day ammonia plant. The estimated capital cost of the project is Rs. 41.52 crores with Rs. 12.76 crores in foreign exchange if naphtha is used as feedstock and Rs. 48.93 crores, with Rs. 15.01 crores in foreign exchange if LSHS is used as feed-stock.

The Government of Haryana have indicated that they would be participating in the project.

Participation of Air India Pilots in World-wide strike against Skyjacking

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SHRI RAMAVATAR SHASTRI :

Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Air India pilots joined the world-wide pilots strike against skyjacking; and

(b) if so, the number of flights cancelled, the total number of passengers affected and the total loss incurred as a result thereof?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (DR. KARAN SINGH) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Two International flights and the three domestic flights operated by Air-India on behalf of Indian Airlines. The net loss was approximately Rs. 9.49 lakhs. According to information available, about 1300 passengers were affected.

Demand for setting up of a Petro-Chemical complex at Barauni

*97. SHRI D. K. PANDA : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICAL be pleased to state :

(a) whether an All Parties Committee formed at Begusarai (Bihar) has demanded