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has indicated that the project can be commissioned within 44 months of the finalisation of the Gas Supply Agreement and the handing over of the possession of the land.

**Production rate of fertilizers**

400. SHRI SURYABHAN PATIL VAHADANE: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) what was the actual production rate of urea and other fertilizers in the country during 1998-99 and upto November, 1999 and sale price for Maharashtra State.

(b) whether Government propose to make such urea and other fertilizers available to Adivasi area people on subsidised rates; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI RAMESH BAIS): (a) Actual production of urea and other fertilizers in the country during 1998-99 and estimated production upto November 1999 is given below:

('000' MT)

| Name of Product          | Production<br>1998-99 | Estimated Production<br>(April-November, 1999) |
|--------------------------|-----------------------|--|
| Urea                     | 19291.0               | 13198.1  |
| Ammonium Sulphate        | 550.6                 | 381.9  |
| Calcium Ammonium Nitrate | 467.0                 | 242.7  |
| Ammonium Chloride        | 63.1                  | 54.3   |
| Di-Ammonium Phosphate    | 3867.5                | 2621.2   |
| Single Superphosphate    | 3406.6                | 1889.2   |
| Complexes                | 3774.2                | 3193.7   |
| Total                    | 31420.0               | 21581.1  |

(b) and (c) Urea is the only fertilizer which is under price, movement and distribution control of Government. The statutory selling price of urea is applicable all over the country including Maharashtra and Adivasi areas. The price of urea during 1998-99 i.e. from 1.4.98 to 28.1.99 was Rs. 3660/- PMT. Department of Agriculture and Cooperation vide a notification, revised the price of urea, and fixed it at Rs> £000/-PMT w.e.f. 29.1.99.