

by Fertilizer Promotion and Agriculture Research Division (FP&ARD) has been utilised. All the project activities have been completed. The balance amount on account of txchange rate fluctuations is not available with the Government of India since Overseas Development Administration, U.K. (ODA) had earmarked funds for specific agreed project activities only. However, for the present the fund requirements of FP&ARD are being met out of the over all budget allocations of the HFC. The Department of Fertilizers through the Ministry of Finance has requested ODA that the unspent balance should flow to the fertilizer sector for agriculture education and extension work. However, fund allocation for projects does not depend on any previous balance, but on their viability.

**Projects undertaken by FP&ARD of HFC**

2276. SHRIMATI CHANDRA KALA PANDEY: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Fertilizer Promotion and Agricultural Research Division (FP&ARD) under Hindustan Fertilizer Corporation Limited (HFC) was entrusted with various foreign-aided Fertilizer Educational Projects aimed at educating farmers in scientific package of practices;

(b) if so, whether FP&ARD has drawn its major sources of sustenance from the foreign-aided projects; and

(c) if so, what were the major projects, who were the donor countries, which were the States covered, performance of FP&ARD in implementing the projects and the tenure of the project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir

(c) The details of the projects implemented by the FP&ARD are given below:—

S.No.	Name of the project	Donor country	States covered	Tenure of the project
1	Indo-German Fertilizer Education project	Federal Republic of Germany	W.B.	1974-1985
2	FAO/UK Dryland Farming Project	UK & FAO	M.P.	1976-1988
3	(i) Indo-British Fertilizer Education Project Phase-I	UK	Assam, Bihar, M.P., Orissa, U.P. & West Bengal.	1981-82 to March 1987
	(ii) Phase-II	UK	-do-	March 1987 to March 1992, but extended upto March 1993.
4	Rainfed Farming Project	UK	West Bengal, Bihar, Orissa	From November 1988 March 1995. to

The performance of FP&ARD in the implementation of the above projects has been satisfactory.

**Gandhar Petro-Chemicals Complex**

2277. SHRI GOPALSINH G. SOLANKI: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Gandhar Petro-chemicals Complex of Indian Petrochemicals Corporation Limited (IPCL) which was closed down in 1993 has now again been started; and

(b) if so, what is the progress made so far and the year by which the first phase is expected to be completed?

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