

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA): (a) The Genetic Engineering Approval Committee has approved a total of eighteen Bt, cotton hybrids for the commercial cultivation in the country.

(b) MECH-12Bt, MECH-162Bt, MECH-184Bt, MRC-6301Bt, MRC-6304Bt, MRC-6322Bt and MRC-6918Bt were developed by Maharashtra Hybrid Seeds Company Limited; RCH-2Bt, RCH-134Bt, RCH-317Bt, RCH-138Bt, RCH-144Bt, RCH-118Bt, RCH-20Bt and RCH-368Bt were developed by Rasi Seeds (P) Ltd; and Ankur-651Bt, Ankur-2534Bt and Ankur-09Bt were developed by Ankur Seeds Private Limited.

(c) and (d) Eighteen Bt cotton hybrids (as given in part b) have been produced by three Indian companies viz. Maharashtra Hybrids Seeds Company Limited, Rasi Seeds(P) Ltd and Ankur Seeds Private Limited.

Projects and Development India Ltd.

5441. DR. RADHAKANT NAYAK: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 481 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 4th March, 2005 and state:

(a) whether PDIL has submitted its report to Government; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The report received from Projects & Development India Limited (PDIL) in respect of revival of Barauni & Durgapur units of Hindustan Fertilizer Corporation Limited (HFC) and Sindri unit of Fertilizer Corporation of India Limited (FCI) has been sent to the respective PSUs for examination.

Fertilizer subsidy

5442. SHRI AJAY SINGH CHAUTALA: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) what percentage of subsidy on a bag of fertilizer goes to the poor farmers;

(b) how it helps the marginal farmers;