

(d) Does not arise.

(e) Yes, Sir. A request has been received from Shri Mukesh B. Gadhvi, MP for allotment of rakes at Disa station for transportation of fertilizers and seeds. Since, there is no goods shed/rake point at Disa station, question of placement of rake at this station does not arise.

Waiving of debt of fertilizer units

2668. SHRI B.S. GNANADESIKAN: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether fertilizer units owe Rs. 14500 crore in principle and interest to Central Government and some other public sector units;

(b) whether Government has received any representation regarding waiving of debt of fertilizer units so that eight closed fertilizer units could be opened against;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the reaction of Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SRIKANT JENA): (a) Closed Fertilizer PSUs namely FCIL and HFCL owe more than Rs. 14500 crore in principal and interest to Central Government and some other public sector units.

(b) to (d) The Competent Authority has accorded in principle approval to consider waiver of outstanding GoI Loan and interest subject to submission of fully tied up proposals. Thereafter, the Cabinet has constituted an Empowered Committee of Secretaries to evaluate the various options for revival of the 8 closed units of FCIL and HFCIL.

Revival of fertilizer plant at Haldia

2669. SHRI R.C. SINGH: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry is actively considering to revive the fertilizer plant situated in Haldia, West Bengal;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the likely time-frame by which the revival would be completed; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SRIKANT JENA): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. The Cabinet has constitute an Empowered Committee of Secretaries to evaluate the various options for revival of the 8 closed units of Fertilizer Corporation of India Limited and Hindustan Fertilizer