

GAIL has initiated action for commissioning a Detailed Feasibility Report Study for commercial implementation of Coal Gassification Process.

Shortage of NPK Fertilizers in West Bengal

1618. SHRICHITTABRATA MAJUMDAR:
SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether all potato growing districts in West Bengal are facing acute shortage of NPK fertilizers; and
- (b) if so, the details of the shortage faced and time bound action plan to rush NPK fertilizers to the above districts, district-wise?

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN): (a) and (b) DAP and complex fertilizers are decontrolled and their availability depends on market forces of demand and supply. About 65,000 MP DAP was made available to West Bengal from 1st October to 30th November, 2004 which was sufficient to support the sales of 59,000 MT during the period. The State Government has not reported any serious shortage of complex fertilizers.

Reviewing the PPL sell off deals

1619. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOT: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to review the Paradeep Phosphates Ltd. (PPL) sell off deal arrived at earlier;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the present status of the deal of sell off of PPL?

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN): (a) and (b) No, Sir.

(c) M/s. Zuari Maroc Phosphates Ltd. who bought the Government stakes in Paradeep Phosphates Limited has submitted a post-closure claim of Rs. 151.55 crore on Government. As the report of the auditors