

(b) and (c) In view of (a) above, the question does not arise.

**Subsidy to Fertilizer Trade Association etc.**

1752. DR. JANARDHAN WAGHMARE: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of assistance, subsidies or grants, etc., given to fertilizer trade associations, consultants etc. for seminars, workshops, exhibitions, year-wise during the last three years along with the purposes of giving it;

(b) whether Government has conducted any post audit on such expenses to justify that the tax payers money has been used judiciously;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefore?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SRIKANT JENA): (a) An amount of Rs.5,00,000/- (Rupees five lakh only) has been released to Government of Nagaland during the year 2010-11 towards financial support for organizing the Second North East Agri Expo held on 15-19th Dec 2010.

(b) No.

(c) and (d) Office of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India will conduct audit.

**New investment policy for fertilizer sector**

1753. SHRI BHARATSINH PRABHATSINH PARMAR: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the new investment policy for the fertilizer sector has been implemented in the country particularly in the State of Gujarat;

(b) if so, whether fertilizer sector has responded positively towards the new policy;

(c) if so, the names of the fertilizer units which have revamped their units including GNFC, Bharuch and GSFC, Vadodara, so far;

(d) whether some of the units have asked Government for assured availability of gas for their plants of GNFC, KRIBHCO, IFFCO; and

(e) if so, the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SRIKANT JENA): (a) to (e) The Government has notified on 4th September 2008 a New Investment policy for urea sector. The policy has been finalised in consultation with fertilizer industry. The policy is aims at revamp, expansion, revival of existing urea units and setting up of Greenfield/Brownfield projects. The fertilizer Industry has responded positively towards the New Investment Policy by initiating investment; decision for revamp of existing capacities. The fertilizer units like IFFCO-Aonla - I & II, IFFCO-Phulpur - I & II, Chambal Fertilizers and Chemicals Limited (CFCL) -Gadepan - I&II, Nagarjuna Fertilizers and Chemicals Limited (NFCL) - Kakinada -I & II and the unit of Tata Chemicals Limited - Babrala have informed regarding availability of additional production of urea after revamp. Further, RCF, Thal; KRIBHCO- Hazira and NFL, Vijaipur have undertaken revamp of their units. The companies have been regularly requesting the Government for either firm allocation of gas at predetermined fixed prices from domestic gas sources or insulate industry from any additional liability arising due to increase in delivered price of gas by correspondingly increasing the floor prices in the absence of any commitment on allocation of natural gas at fixed prices. The constraints indicated are under examination in the Department of Fertilizers. As regards availability of gas for the various plants, the Empowered Group of Ministers(EGoM) on gas price and commercial utilization of gas had decided that the fertilizer sector would be given the highest priority for allocation of gas. The units would be supplied natural gas as and when they are ready to utilize the gas.

#### **Hike in fertilizer subsidy**

1754. SHRI T.M. SELVAGANAPATHI: Will the minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government had decided to hike the quantum of subsidy payable to fertilizer companies;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Government desires that the domestic price of NPK nutrients - Urea, Di-Ammonium Phosphate (DAP) and MOP are maintained at reasonable levels;

(c) whether it is also a fact that input costs of fertilizer manufacturing units have gone up due to globalisation; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SRIKANT JENA): (a) Department of Fertilizers is presently administering New Pricing Scheme for Urea, as well