

(b) if so, the details thereof and reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SRIKANT JENA): (a) and (b) Fertilizer companies in India have been negotiating with potash producers for supply of potash during the year 2011-12. However, there was significant gap between the price offered by potash producers and perception of reasonableness of the prices. The Industry did not buy Potash for some-time. After protracted negotiations, the companies have now negotiated the import prices based upon which the process of imports of Potash has commenced.

Releasing of funds for Bhopal gas victims

†2048. SHRI MEGHRAJ JAIN: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that for schemes being implemented for Bhopal gas victims, 75 per cent share has been fixed for Madhya Pradesh Government;

(b) if so, whether it is also a fact that for rehabilitation programmes being run for Bhopal gas victims, Madhya Pradesh Government is being provided funds as per the said agreement; and

(c) if not, by when that amount would be provided ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SRIKANT JENA): (a) to (c) Government of India had released its share of 75% of total outlay of Rs.258 crore for the first Action Plan of the State Government of Madhya Pradesh for medical, economic, social and environmental rehabilitation of Bhopal Gas Victims, approved in 1990. The implementation of this Action Plan was completed in July, 1999.

In July, 2010, Government of India has further released its share of 75% i.e. Rs.204.56 crore of the total approved outlay of Rs.272.75 crore as Additional Central Assistance for schemes for medical, economic, social rehabilitation and for providing safe drinking water under the New Plan of Action submitted by Government of Madhya Pradesh.

Establishment of Agriculture Research Centres

2049. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL:

SHRI SHADI LAL BATRA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

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