

New fertilizer plants in NE States

1896. SHRIMATI NAZNIN FARUQUE: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government proposes to set up new fertilizers plants in public sector, cooperative sector and private sector in North-East States;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the time by when these are likely to be started and whether they will be gas based?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SRIKANT JENA): (a) to (c) A Techno-Economic Feasibility Report (TEFR) for installation of a new brownfield Ammonia Urea plant at Namrup was prepared and sent to Planning Commission in May 2011 for 'in-principle' approval and allocation of fund in the 12th Five Year Plan starting from 2012. In response, Planning Commission has advised to explore the possibility of firming up the proposal seeking contribution from profit making CPSUs / Private Sector for the required equity funds to become Joint Venture partners for the proposed project without any budgetary support from Government of India. The revised JV proposal will have to be appraised by the project consultant in consideration with amended new investment policy for urea (expected to be finalized shortly) to assess its economic viability for long term sustainability. The proposal would thereafter be considered during formulation of the 12th plan proposals.

Demand and supply of fertilizers

1897. SHRI BHAGAT SINGH KOSHYARI: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILISERS be pleased to state:

- (a) the production, demand and supply of various fertilizers in the country during each of the last three years and the current year, fertilizer-wise and State-wise;
- (b) whether there is a shortage of fertilizers in various States including Karnataka and farmers are facing hardship and suffering losses due to non-availability and delay in supply of fertilizers;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and