

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SRIKANT JENA): (a) The Indian Drugs and Pharmaceuticals Ltd. (IDPL) and Hindustan Antibiotics Ltd. (HAL) under the Department of Pharmaceuticals are sick units. The Brahmaputra Cracker and Polymer Ltd. (BCPL) project is in its execution phase and scheduled to be commissioned by December, 2013 and therefore, it is not a sick unit.

(b) and (c) Indian Drugs and Pharmaceuticals Ltd. (IDPL) was incorporated on 5th April, 1961 with the primary objective of creating self sufficiency in essential life saving drugs and medicines. As the IDPL was incurring losses, it was formally declared sick by the Board for Industrial and Financial Reconstructions (BIFR) on the 12th August, 1992. Revival Scheme of IDPL at present is under active consideration of the Department of Pharmaceuticals.

The assistance provided by the Government to IDPL for schedule M compliance etc. during each of the last five years is as follows:—

(Rs. in crore)					
CPSE	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
IDPL	00.95	4.93	—	—	4.45

Hindustan Antibiotics Ltd. (HAL), Pimpri, Pune was incorporated on 30th March, 1954. Company produces a wide range of Pharmaceutical formulations including agro-vet products. As the Company had been incurring continuous loss since 1993-94, it was referred to the BIFR in January, 1997. Government approved the Rehabilitation Scheme of HAL on 9th March, 2006 which *inter alia* involves Cash Infusion of Rs. 137.59 crore and waiver of past loans and interests thereupon to the extent of Rs. 259.43 crore (as on 31.3.2005). The assistance provided by the Government under approved Revival Scheme as well as for enhancement of manufacturing capacities during each of the last five years is as under:—

(Rs. in crore)					
CPSE	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
HAL	87.69	20.17	10.00	10.26	5.03

Import of fertilizers by IFFCO

2691. SHRI A. ELAVARASAN: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the country's largest fertilizer co-operative IFFCO has asked its global suppliers including Canada's Canpotex, Russian Uralkali and Belarusian Potash

Company (BPC) to cut price of fertilizers by \$36 to \$50 per tonne as the 17 per cent depreciation in Rupee since January this year has hit the Indian importers;

- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether IFFCO has decided to stop future imports if prices are not cut; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SRIKANT JENA): (a) and (b) As per the information received from IFFCO, IFFCO had requested its traditional suppliers to cut the prices of fertilizer products being supplied to IFFCO. The company had requested for a reduction of US\$ 50 per metric tonne on supplies of DAP and a reduction of US\$ 45 per metric tonne on supplies of NPK Complex Fertilizers.

(c) and (d) IFFCO will make all possible efforts to fulfill its contractual obligations to its suppliers, which will depend on viability based on the Foreign Exchange Rates.

Demand and supply of fertilizers

†2692. SHRI GANGA CHARAN: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the supply of chemical fertilizers for the Rabi crops in the country this time, State-wise;
- (b) the details of the quantity of fertilizers demanded by Government of Uttar Pradesh and the amount supplied by the Central Government; and
- (c) whether the supply was less and if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SRIKANT JENA): (a) to (c) The State-wise demand (Requirement) and supply (Availability) of major fertilizers namely Urea, DAP, MOP and Complex fertilizer including Uttar Pradesh during the current Rabi'11-12 (October'2011 to November'2011) is given in the Statement (*See* below). Department of Fertilizers is in continuous touch with officials of State Government of Uttar Pradesh through weekly video conference. The availability of urea is on the lower side because of October and November being off peak season for consumption of urea. The requirement of urea will peak only during December and January and Urea supply is being stepped up in Uttar Pradesh. The supplies of phosphatic fertilizers (DAP and NPK) is also comfortable during Rabi'11-12. As regard, MOP, sufficient fertilizer is lying at the port. Since, the State Government was asking for priority loading for phosphatic fertilizers only, MOP fertilizer will be supplied as and when required by the State Government.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.