

recommendations the Sindri, Talcher and Ramagundam units of FCIL are to be revived through nomination basis by the consortium of PSUs. Gorakhpur and Korba units of FCIL and Durgapur, Barauni and Haldia units of HFCL are to be awarded through a bidding process. The recommendation of the ECoS, were considered by the Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) in its meeting held on 4th August, 2011 and approved the same with the stipulations that Board for Industrial and Financial Restructuring (BIFR) proceeding be expedited and there after, the matter including changes, if any, required in bid parameters, be placed before the Committee for a final decision. As required under the rules FCIL and HFCL have submitted their draft rehabilitation schemes (DRS) to BIFR for approval.

Subsidy on non-urea fertilizers

2531. SHRI A. ELAVARASAN: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has decided to further reduce the subsidy it extends to non-urea fertilizers on account of the appreciating Indian currency;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the decision will be on top of a decision to set per tonne subsidy on Di-Ammonium Phosphate (DAP) and Muriate of Potash (MoP) at Rs. 15,000 each;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether it is a fact that most of non-urea fertilizers are imported and the subsidy offered depends upon prevailing exchange rate; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SRIKANT JENA): (a) to (f) Nutrient Based Subsidy (NBS) Policy for the P&K fertilizers is being implemented *w.e.f.* 1.4.2010. Under the Policy, the Government announces a fixed subsidy for all the 25 grades of P&K fertilizers included in the NBS Scheme. The subsidy is announced for the year after taking into account all relevant factors including international prices of P&K fertilizers, exchange rate, prevailing MRP of P&K fertilizers and its inventory level. Since the country is completely dependent on imports for Potassic Fertilizers and to the extent of 90% in Phosphatic fertilizers, any rise/fall in the international prices of these fertilizers and its raw materials has direct bearing on the domestic retail prices of P&K fertilizers.

Presently, there is no proposal to review the subsidy rates announced for the year 2012-13.