

Awarding of research contracts

2836. DR. NAJMA A. HEPTULLA: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of advisors, Non -Government Organizations (NGOs), Education and Research organizations which have been awarded research contracts by Government during each of the last three years, name-wise;

(b) the criteria adopted to award such contracts;

(c) whether Government proposes to review the criteria of awarding research contracts; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SRIKANT JENA): (a) The number of organizations and their names which were awarded research contracts by the Government under the Science & Technology Scheme of the Department of Fertilizers during the last three years is as follows:

Year	Nos	Names of organizations	Title of the Project
1	2	3	4
2009-10	1	RCF Mumbai	Pilot Plant of production of 100% water soluble Mono-ammonium Phosphate
2010-11	5	1) PDIL Noida	Chlorine Guard catalyst for protection of Low Temperature Shift Conversion Catalyst
		2) PDIL Noida	Use of Spent Low Temperature Shift Conversion Catalyst for Preparation of Fresh Low Temperature Shift Catalyst
		3) L&T, Mumbai	Evaluation of Degradation of Ammonia conversion materials of construction by simulating the environment in a pilot scale reactor

1	2	3	4
		4) FAGMIL, Jodhpur	Promotion of Rock Phosphate as an alternative to Chemical Phosphatic Fertilizers in field crops and agro - forestry system of Uttarakhand and western Uttar Pradesh
		5) FAGMIL, Jodhpur	Response of FCI Aravali Gypsum in Reclamation of Calcareous Sodic Soils in Muzaffarpur District of Bihar
2011-12	3	1) FAGMIL, Jodhpur	Studies and Demonstration of Gypsum efficacy in various agro-climate conditions of Uttarakhand (4HA Area)
		2) FAGMIL, Jodhpur	Studies and Demonstration of Gypsum efficacy in various agro-climate conditions of Himachal Pradesh (4HA Area)
		3) PDIL Noida	Use of Spent Nickel Catalyst as Raw Material for the preparation of Fresh Nickel of Catalyst

(b) The proposals received from research Institutions are appraised and recommended by a Screening Committee headed by the Economic Adviser for their relevance and usefulness. The recommendations are then considered by Project Approval Committee (PAC) under the Chairmanship of Secretary (Fertilizers), for final approval. Technical Experts are represented in both the Committees.

(c) and (d) The Government does not propose to review the criteria of awarding research contracts.

JV with foreign countries

2837. SHRI AMBETH RAJAN: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether in order to purchase fertilizers for a long period Government has entered into a Joint Venture (JV) with any foreign countries which have surplus fertilizers;