

2005. Import of urea for direct agriculture use is made on Government account to bridge the gap between assessed demand and indigenous production. At present around 8 million MT of urea is being imported per annum on Government account. The rated capacity of OMIFCO plant is 1.652 million MTs granular urea per annum. The present annual production of the company is around 2 million MT. The production up to the rated capacity is being imported at the Long Term Price (LTP) of granular urea while the production in excess of rated capacity in any year is imported at 5% discount over the published prices of granular urea in the international journals. The LTP of granular urea is much cheaper in comparison of the prevailing prices in the international market. The current LTP of granular urea is US\$135.68 per MT FOB as against the latest published FMB price of US\$ 300 to 312 per MT FOB. The imports from OMIFCO are resulting into as great savings to the Government exchequer on account of subsidy on fertilisers. Since the UOTA with OMIFCO is valid upto July 2020, it will certainly contribute in meeting part of the local demand of urea during the Twelfth Five Year Plan period.

#### **Disinvestment in NFL**

2214. SHRI D.P. TRIPATHI: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has decided for disinvestment in National Fertilizers Ltd. (NFL);
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the reasons for this disinvestment?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SRIKANT JENA): (a) to (c) Government has disinvested its 7.64% equity in National Fertilizers Limited (NFL), a listed company, on 31.07.2013 to make it compliant with the mandatory 10% minimum public shareholding requirement, in conformity to Securities contracts (Regulation) Rules 1957 (SCRR) as amended by SCRR, 2010.

#### **FDI in Brownfield companies**

2215. SHRI K.N. BALAGOPAL: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state: