

(b) if so, the details of such campaigns undertaken in Andhra Pradesh during the last five years; and

(c) to what extent this has helped farmers in the State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI NIHAL CHAND): (a) Yes, Madam.

(b) Details are given below:

Sl. No.	Head	Year (Number of activities conducted)				
		2009- 2010	2010- 2011	2011- 2012	2012- 2013	2013- 2014
1.	Product Demonstration	17	9	20	23	27
2.	Method Demonstration	2	1	3	5	8
3.	Soil Testing Days	13	7	11	11	12

(c) The programmes are aimed at development of agricultural knowledge, including soil health, the balancing use of nutrients and micronutrients, advanced agricultural technology, balance chemical fertilizers with organic and bio-fertilizers, irrigation, subsidiary occupations etc. Increased response from the farmers for the various extension programs of RCF is a measure of success of Field Demonstration and Soil Testing Campaigns. This is reflected in advancement of farming community towards economic use of fertilizers & maximizing crop yields.

Agricultural exhibitions

1872. DR. K. V. P. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Rashtriya Chemicals and Fertilizers Limited (RCF) participates in various agricultural exhibitions organized by State/District Administration at district/Taluqa level;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of the exhibitions organized in Andhra Pradesh; and

(d) the achievements made in the exhibitions?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI NIHAL CHAND): (a) Yes, Sir. The Rashtriya Chemicals and Fertilizers Limited (RCF) organizes Krishi Melas in various parts of the country for the benefit of farmers. Besides, it also participate in various Agriculture Exhibitions conducted by the State/District Administrations at district/Taluqa level.

(b) In the last one year, RCF participated in 74 Krishi Melas/ Agriculture Exhibitions in various States.

(c) In the last one year, RCF participated in two Agriculture Exhibitions of one day each at Vanwasi (Kurnool) organized by Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Kurnool and Anakapalle (Vizag) organized by Regional Agriculture Research Station, Anakapalle.

(d) RCF was able to create awareness among farmers about the efficient use of Nitrogen by introducing Neem coated urea and its benefits, increase response to the soil testing facilities offered by RCF and increase enquires about RCF's products, location retail points and product availability by participating in these Agriculture Exhibitions.

Domestic production of urea

†1873. SHRI ISHWARLAL SHANKARLAL JAIN: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether domestic production of urea has declined in the country;
- (b) whether to compensate for the shortage in urea production, Government is importing urea from abroad, if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government is taking any steps to increase the domestic production of urea through the fertilizer companies in the country, if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the reasons for declining urea production each year by fertilizer companies?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI NIHAL CHAND): (a) and (d) No, Sir. The domestic production of urea has not declined in the country as can be seen from the production details of last five years, given in table below:

	(Lakh MT)				
Year	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14
Urea Production	211.12	218.80	219.84	225.75	227.15

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.