

**Demand and supply of fertilizers**

663. SHRI VIJAY GOEL : Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state :

- (a) the total annual requirement of urea in the country;
- (b) how much quantity of urea is manufactured in the country during the financial year 2013-14; and
- (c) how much quantity has been imported during the financial year 2013-14 and the value thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI HANSRAJ GANGARAM AHIR) : (a) Sir, the total projected annual requirement of Urea during the financial year 2013-14 in the country was 316.90 LMT.

(b) During the financial year 2013-14 indigenous production of urea was 227.15 LMT.

(c) 70.87 LMT of Urea was imported during the financial year 2013-14 and the value thereof was US \$1968.36 million.

**Capacity of urea manufacturing plants**

664. SHRI VIJAY GOEL : Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state :

- (a) the total capacity of urea manufacturing plants in the country, plant-wise;
- (b) the capacity utilization of each plant, and if under-utilised, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether some plants have been closed down, if so, the names thereof and the reasons for their closure; and
- (d) whether there is any plan for their revival ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI HANSRAJ GANGARAM AHIR) : (a) and (b) The total capacity of urea manufacturing plants in the country, plant-wise and capacity utilization are given in Statement (*See below*). The capacity in some of the fertilizers plant is under-utilized mainly due to (i) inadequate availability of Natural Gas, (ii) shutdown of plants for maintenance and (iii) shortage of raw materials *etc.*