

preparedness, action plans and real time implementation of various technical interventions for coping with adverse climate conditions like drought, flood and conserving water resources. These technical measures will help various sectors of agriculture in 600 districts of the country in the event of any weather aberrations.

(b) Under ICAR-NICRA, nine districts were selected to demonstrate various climate resilient interventions to cope different weather aberrations such as drought, flood, cyclone, etc.

Studies have been undertaken to assess the vulnerability of districts in Bihar for various climate extremes and vulnerability indexes have been developed.

(c) Technology demonstration component of ICAR-NICRA is developing climate resilient model villages by implementing various technologies in seven districts *viz.*, Saran, Supaul, Buxur, Nawada, Aurangabad, Jehanabad and Banka. The contingency plans are made available to cope with various weather aberrations such as drought, floods, heat wave, cold wave, frost, hailstorm to minimize the impacts of climate on agriculture and allied sectors for all the districts of Bihar. The technical assistance is being provided to the State line departments for operationalization of contingency plans in the State.

Demand and supply of fertilizers

528. KUMARI SELJA: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the demand and supply of fertilizers during the last one year, item-wise;

(b) whether there is a huge gap between demand and supply of fertilizers, thereby affecting the productivity of agriculture; and

(c) the measures Government has taken or proposes to take to cut down this gap?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI HANSRAJ GANGARAM AHIR): (a) to (c) During the year 2014-15 the cumulative requirement, availability and sales of fertilizers is given below:

(Figures in LMT)

Year	Urea			P and K (DAP, MOP and NPK)		
	Projected Requirement	Availability	Sales	Projected Requirement	Availability	Sales
2014-15	306.70	310.42	308.74	226.00	199.10	189.35

It can be seen from the above table that the availability of all the fertilizers was more than the sales.

The gap in the demand and domestic production of fertilizer is met through imports.

The Government has taken necessary steps for revival of some closed urea units and setting up of new plant to augment the domestic production and notified New Urea Policy-2015 which is effective from 1st June, 2015 to 31.03.2019.

New urea production plants

529. DR. K.P. RAMALINGAM: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes establishing ten more urea production plants in the country, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Naphtha fed urea units have urged Government to continue with the existing system of subsidy after the expiry of 100 days period; and

(c) whether Government is considering to provide LNG to Naphtha fed urea units if it does not want to continue with the subsidy benefit, if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI HANSRAJ GANGARAM AHIR): (a) The Government had notified New Investment Policy (NIP)-2012 and its amendment thereof on 2nd January 2013 and 7th October 2014 respectively to facilitate fresh investment in urea sector and to make India self sufficient in the urea sector. This Department had received 12 proposals for setting up of Greenfield, Expansion and Revamp projects in response to aforesaid notifications. In recent review meeting, out of twelve projects, only seven project proponents have re-confirmed their interest to start project under the aforesaid notifications, the list of which is given in Statement-I (*See* below).

Further, CCEA has approved the revival of two units of Fertilizer Corporation of India limited (FCIL) *viz.*, Talcher and Ramagundam on nomination basis to Central Public Sector Undertakings. In addition to above, recently CCEA has also approved the revival of two closed units of FCIL *viz.*, Sindri and Gorakhpur and one unit of Hindustan Fertilizers Corporation Limited (HFCL) *viz.*, Barauni through bidding route.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The Department of Fertilizers *vide* notification dated 17th June 2015, approved the proposal for continuation of production from Madras Fertilizers Limited (MFL)–