

(b) whether there has been just one bidder each-Matix Fertilizers for Gorakhpur and Adani for Sindri unit;

(c) if so, the reasons for such a lukewarm response; and

(d) whether Government itself will come forward to revive these units through public sector funding, if not, what will be the future of these factories?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI HANSRAJ GANGARAM AHIR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Two stage bidding process for revival of Gorakhpur and Sindri had been adopted. Only one application each was received for Gorakhpur and Sindri in the first stage.

(c) The response in any bidding process is a combination and interplay of several factors.

(d) At this stage, various options for revival of these units are open.

Closed urea plants

†1635. SHRI RAM NATH THAKUR: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a number of urea plants are either lying closed or are on the verge of closure, if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(b) whether Government proposes to revive these urea plants; and

(c) the number of plants lying closed in the country and those in Bihar along with the locations and districts thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI HANSRAJ GANGARAM AHIR): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. A detailed note on the closed plants and the steps taken by Government to restart the closed units of the fertilizer PSUs is given in the Statement.

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

*Statement**Steps taken by Government to restart the closed units*

Sl. No.	Name of the closed plants PSU-wise	Reason behind closure	Steps taken by Government to revive, nature of plant (gasbased/coal based), proposed commencement date, if any
1	2	3	4
1.	The Fertilizer Corporation of India Limited (FCIL)	Sindri (Jharkhand) Gorakhpur (Uttar Pradesh) Talcher (Odisha) Ramagundam (Telangana) Korba (Chhattisgarh)	In view of the continuing losses of FCIL and HFCL stemming from technical and financial non viability of operations, Government decided to close down all the units of FCIL and HFCL in 2002. Cabinet in its meeting held on 21.05.2015 has decided to revive this unit on "bidding route" by providing land on lease. The plant is proposed to gas based. Cabinet in its meeting held on 31.03.2015 has decided to revive this unit on "bidding route by providing land on lease. The plant is proposed to be gas based. CCEA in its meeting held on 09.05.2013 decided to revive this unit on "Nomination basis". PSUs namely RCF, GAIL, CIL and FCIL have been nominated to revive this unit. The new plant would be coalbased. CCEA in its meeting held on 09.05.2013 decided to revive this unit on "Nomination basis". PSUs namely NFL, EIL and FCIL have been nominated to revive this unit. The new plant would be gasbased is due for commissioning by end of year 2018. Korba unit is to be revived on bidding route.

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2.	Hindustan Fertilizer Corporation Ltd. (HFCL)	<p>Haldia (West Bengal)</p> <p>Durgapur (West Bengal)</p> <p>Barauni (Bihar)</p>	<p>CCEA in its meeting held on 09.05.2013 directed that proposal/action plan on revival of HFCL units will be taken up once revival of FCIL units is on track.</p> <p>CCEA in its meeting held on 09.05.2013 directed that proposal/action plan on revival of HFCL units will be taken up once revival of FCIL units is on track.</p> <p>Cabinet in its meeting held on 31.03.2015 approved to revive this unit on "bidding route, by providing land on lease to the successful bidder. The plant is proposed to be gas based.</p>
3.	Brahmaputra Valley Fertilizers Ltd. (BVFCL)	Namrup-I (Assam)	<p>Namrup-I was not a viable option because of its vintage design, high production cost etc.</p> <p>Union Cabinet in its meeting held on 21.05.2015 has approved to install a New-Brownfield Ammonia-Urea Complex (Namrup-IV) with annual installed capacity of 8.646 Lakh Metric Tone Per Annum in the premises of the BVFCL at the same location <i>i.e.</i> at the location of the Namrup-I.</p>
4.	The Fertilizers And Chemicals Travancore Limited	Cochin (Urea) Plant, (Kerala)	<p>Introduction of Group pricing scheme for urea in 2003 led to stoppage of Urea production by this plant.</p> <p>No decision has been taken so far.</p>