

(c) In addition to Gorakhpur fertilizer plant, CCEA/Cabinet has, so far, approved for the revival of four more defunct fertilizer units. These are; Talcher, Ramagundam and Sindri units of FCIL and Barauni unit of HFCL. Cabinet has approved for setting up of Urea plants having annual production capacity of 1.27 MMT Urea to revive each of these units including Gorakhpur unit. In addition, the Union Cabinet in its meeting held on 21.05.2015 approved for setting up of a New Brownfield Ammonia-Urea Complex (Namrup-IV) having an annual production capacity of 8.646 Lakh MT Urea in the existing premises of the Brahmaputra Valley Fertilizer Corporation Limited (BVFCL) at Namrup. These fertilizer units will help to meet the growing demand in the country.

Support to pharma industry

2994. DR. PRADEEPKUMAR BALMUCHU: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government is planning to phase out support to pharma industry by 2020;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether any resistance has come from pharma industry in this regard; and
- (d) the steps being taken by Government to increase the support to pharma industry towards research and development?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI MANSUKHL. MANDAVIYA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) In view of the reply to (a) above, does not arise.

(d) The Government is providing financial support for research and development through Drugs and Pharmaceuticals Research Programme (DPRP) run by the Department of Science and Technology. The companies undertaking Research and Development activities are provided income tax benefits. The Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 2013, Para-32 (iii) provides exemptions from price control to a manufacturer producing a new drug involving a new delivery system developed through indigenous Research and Development for a period of five years from the date of its market approval in India.

Shortage and black-marketing of urea

2995. SHRI D. KUPENDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has formulated any action plan to meet the shortage of urea