

Production of Fertilizer

†1172. MS. SAROJ PANDEY: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any increase in the production of fertilizers from 2014 till date, and if so, the extent of increase thereof; and

(b) whether new fertilizers plants are being set up as per the growing needs of the future and if so, the number of plants that would be set up?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (RAO INDERJIT SINGH): (a) The production of all fertilizers during 2013-14 to 2018-19 (upto June, 2018) are given below:—

(Figure in LMT)						
Year	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19 (up to June 18)
Fertilizer Production	380.46	385.39	413.14	414.41	413.61	99.54

The above data shows marginal decrease in production of all fertilizers during 2017-18, which is insignificant. Otherwise, the production has been increasing consistently.

(b) The Government announced New Investment Policy (NIP) - 2012 on 2nd January, 2013 and its amendment on 7th October, 2014 to facilitate fresh investment in Urea sector and to make India self-sufficient in the Urea sector. Under NIP – 2012, Chambal Fertilizers and Chemicals Limited (CFCL) has proposed to set up a brownfield project with capacity of 1.34 MMT at Gadepan, Rajasthan, which is likely to start commercial production in January, 2019.

At present, the Government has decided to revive 5 closed fertilizer units namely, Gorakhpur (Uttar Pradesh), Sindri (Jharkhand), Talcher (Odisha) and Ramagundam (Telangana) units of Fertilizer Corporation of India Limited (FCIL) and Barauni (Bihar) unit of Hindustan Fertilizer Corporation Limited (HFCL) through 'Nomination Route' of Joint Ventures of nominated Central Public Sector Enterprises (CPSEs). Each of these units are being revived by installing new Urea Plant having production capacity of 1.27 Million Metric Tonne Urea per annum.

In addition to above, Government has also decided to install a new Urea plant of 8.646 Lakh Metric Tonne (LMT) per annum in the exiting premises of Brahmaputra Valley Fertilizer Corporation Limited (BVFCL), which will subsequently replace the

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existing Urea plants Namrup-II (capacity 2.20 LMT) and Namrup-III (capacity 2.70 LMT per annum).

Sale of assets and lands of sick and closed PSUs

1173. DR. SANJAY SINH: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to sell assets and lands of the sick and closed PSUs;

(b) if so, the details of assets and lands of closed Central PSUs;

(c) the authority for taking decision for lease and/or sale of properties and assets of closed units of HFCL and other PSUs under PPP model;

(d) the proposal details of the Government initiatives on the land and assets of HFCL and other closed Units of the Ministry; and

(e) the proposal of Government to pay the dues of the State Governments which are bearing towards maintenance and other expenses till 30th June, 2018?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (RAO INDERJIT SINGH): (a) to (d) There are total 18 PSUs functioning under the control of Ministry of Chemical and Fertilizers. Out of which, 8 PSUs are sick and loss making. As on date, none of these PSUs has been closed down. However, the details of land and other assets of the PSUs in respect of which Government of India has either decided to restructure/closed down or examining restructuring/closure proposals and the Government initiatives on land and assets of HFCL and other closed units of the Ministry are as under:—

The Fertilizers Corporation of India Ltd. (FCIL):

FCIL is neither sick nor closed PSU. However, as per the approval of CCEA/Cabinet, land and usable assets of closed units of FCIL have been provided to the Joint Ventures of nominated PSUs for setting up of state-of-the-art 12.7 lakh MT per annum capacity Urea Plants at Sindri, Gorakhpur, Ramagundam and Talcher and in lieu FCIL would get 11% equity in each of the Joint Venture. Accordingly, Ramagundam Fertilizers and Chemicals Limited (RFCL), a Joint Venture of EIL, NFL& FCIL, Talcher Unit of FCIL is being revived by M/s Talcher Fertilizers Limited (TFL), a Joint Venture of RCF, GAIL, CIL and FCIL, Sindri and Gorakhpur Units of FCIL are being revived by M/s Hindustan Urvarak and Rasyon Limited (HURL), a Joint Venture of NTPC, CIL, IOCL, FCIL and HFCL.