

- (e) in what manner Government is planning to save PSUs like HOCL?

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI D. V. SADANANDA GOWDA): (a) and (b) No. Sir. As part of the restructuring plan approved by Government on 17.05.2017, Rasayani unit has been closed down and Kochi unit of HOCL is continuing operations. 'In principle' approval has been accorded for strategic disinvestment of HOCL after the process of disposing unencumbered land and other assets at Rasayani is completed. Restructuring plan involves closing down the operations of all plants at Rasayani unit of HOCL except N₂O₄ plant, which is transferred to ISRO on 'as is where is' basis, disposal of plant and machinery and other movable assets, giving VRS/VSS to employees at Rasayani, sale of 442 acres of land to BPCL, appointment of NBCC as LMA for disposal of balance encumbrance free land at Rasayani for discharging its liabilities.

(c) and (d) No proposal has been received from Government of Kerala to take over Kochi plant, HOCL.

(e) For sick/loss making PSUs like HOCL, decision regarding future is taken by the Government based on the various factors including financial viability on case to case basis in consultation with other Department viz. DPE, DIPAM, NITI Aayog etc.

Revival of fertilizer factories

51. DR. L. HANUMANTHAIAH: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is working on a proposal to revive some sick or closed public sector fertilizer factories in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof and estimated time-frame along with the cost of the revival plan;

(c) whether the revival of these factories will be sufficient to meet the growing demand for fertilizers in the country; and

(d) if so, in what way Government proposes to meet the excess demand?

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI D. V. SADANANDA GOWDA): (a) and (b) Government of India has decided to revive Barauni unit of Hindustan Fertilizer Corporation Limited (HFCL) and Gorakhpur, Sindri, Talcher and Ramagundam units of Fertilizer Corporation of India Limited (FCIL) on nomination route by setting up new Ammonia Urea plants of 12.7 LMTPA capacity at each location.

Barauni unit of HFCL and Sindri and Gorakhpur units of FCIL are being revived by M/s Hindustan Urvarak and Rasayan Limited (HURL), a Joint Venture of National Thermal

Power Corporation Limited (NTPC), Coal India Limited (CIL), Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOCL), FCIL and HFCL.

Talcher unit is being revived by M/s Talcher Fertilizers Limited (TFL), a Joint Venture of Rashtriya Chemicals and Fertilizers Limited (RCF), CIL, Gas Authority of India Limited (GAIL) and FCIL. Ramagundam unit by M/s Ramagundam Fertilizers and Chemicals Limited (RFCL), a Joint Venture of Engineers India Limited (EIL), National Fertilizers Limited (NFL) and FCIL.

The details of the expected commissioning date and estimated cost of the revival plan are as follows:—

Units	Expected commissioning date	Estimated cost of the revival project as per DFR (in crores)
Barauni (Bihar)	May, 2021	7,043.26
Ramagundam (Telangana)	December, 2019	5,254.28
Gorakhpur (Uttar Pradesh)	February, 2021	7,085.77
Sindri (Jharkhand)	May, 2021	6,977.01
Talcher (Odisha)	September, 2023	11,611.48 (+15%)

(c) and (d) After the commissioning of these five units, the total production of urea will be increased by 63.5 Lakh Metric Tonne Per Annum (LMTPA). The excess demand over indigenous production will be met through imports.

Demand and Supply of fertilizers

52. SHRI G. C. CHANDRASHEKHAR: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) the total demand and supply of fertilizers in the country, State/UT-wise during last three years;

(b) whether there is any shortage of fertilizers in some parts of the country recently;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor along with the corrective measures taken/ being taken by Government in this regard, State/UT-wise; and

(d) the steps taken/being taken by Government to ensure timely supply of adequate quantity and quality fertilizers to the farming community at reasonable prices?