

- (i) The number of courses under which training is imparted under JSS has been increased and the list is being further expanded.
- (ii) All the courses under JSS have been reviewed with the objective to align it with National Skills Qualification Framework, which is a competency based framework and ensure market relevance of the skilling courses.
- (iii) Provisions have been made for developing new courses as per requirement for nurturing and promoting traditional skills, which may be unique to a particular district or region in the country.
- (iv) The assessment and certification processes under JSS programme have been improved to ensure evidence based assessments and issue of certificates through a centralised portal, which can enable online verification of the certificates by the employer
- (v) The life skill component has been further strengthened under each training programme to improve training outcomes under JSS.

The trainings conducted under JSS between October 2018 to March 2019 as reported on JSS web portal are as below:

Female	Male	Other	Total
1,38,571	16,353	52	1,54,976

The JSSs have been working with the trained candidates for livelihood linkages in the form of supplementing income levels or wage employment or self employment. However, the data is not being mandatorily captured at central level, till date, As per the revised guidelines, the livelihood linkages provided to the trainees, after completion of same, will also be captured centrally at national level from the current financial year 2019-20.

Revival of Madras Fertilizers Limited

*90. DR. SASIKALAPUSHPA RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Madras Fertilizer Limited (MFL) has been declared sick;
- (b) if so, the date on which it has been declared sick;
- (c) whether Government has formulated any plan to revive the MFL;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI D. V. SADANANDA GOWDA): (a) and (b) The Board for Industrial and Financial Reconstruction (BIFR) had declared Madras Fertilizer Limited (MFL) as a sick company on 2nd April, 2009 under the provisions of the Sick Industrial Companies (Special Provisions) Act, 1985.

(c) and (d) The Committee of Secretaries (CoS) in its meeting held on 07.07.2015 recommended that DoF may explore the possibility of strategic JV partnership leveraging its land and bring a proposal for consideration of the competent authority. Project and Development India Limited (PDIL) was engaged as an external expert agency for drawing business, operations and financial restructuring plans for MFL.

PDIL after due examination gave recommendation for 6 options for revival of MFL which were presented before Board of MFL. However, all of the options were not found viable and MFL suggested a new option containing proposal for waiver of Government of India Loan and interest thereon.

Based on submission of MFL, the proposal for the Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) was circulated for Inter-Ministerial Consultation (IMC). However, subsequently it was decided to explore the possibility of monetization of surplus land of MFL. Since the land available with MFL is assigned land by the Government of Tamil Nadu, Government of Tamil Nadu (GoT) was asked either to grant NOC for transfer of surplus land to another CPSE (CPCL) or to take over full ownership of the plant on as is where is basis. Government of Tamil Nadu on 09.08.2018 has accorded No Objection Certificate (NOC) for transfer of 70 acres of MFL land to Chennai Petroleum Corporation Ltd. (CPCL). However, MFL has informed on 21.05.2019 that till date, CPCL has given its acceptance for purchase of land of 4.98 acres only.

(e) In view of (c) and (d) above, question does not arise.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

Help to cashew nut and mango growing farmers of Andhra Pradesh

774. SHRI V. VIJAYASAI REDDY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether ICAR has a number of cashew nut and mango research stations across the country;