GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS DEPARTMENT OF FERTILIZERS

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Revival of sick fertilizer industries

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Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

- (a) the latest status of revival of sick fertilizer industries in the country;
- (b) whether it is a fact that despite waiving off loans and replacement of old machinery, some fertilizer industries are running in losses and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether sick fertilizer units have initiated steps for skill and management development of their personnel and if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) whether Government proposes to merge sick fertilizer units with profit making fertilizer units, and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS (SH. BHAGWANTH KHUBA)

- (a): At present, there are two sick public sector fertilizer manufacturing companies, viz., Fertilizers and Chemicals Travancore Limited (FACT) and Madras Fertilizers Limited (MFL) under control of Department of Fertilizers. Both units are operational. FACT has reported profit from FY 2018-19 to 2020-21. MFL has incurred losses from FY 2015-16 to 2019-20.
- (b): Currently, there is no such fertilizer manufacturing unit which is running in losses wherein loans have been waived off and old machinery has been replaced recently.
- (c): MFL: 75 programmes have been conducted for 921 personnel in the last 3 years.

FACT: Statutory training has been provided to 268 employees.

(d): There is no proposal for merger of sick fertilizer units with profit making fertilizer units at present.
