GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS DEPARTMENT OF FERTILIZERS RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.

Production of chemical fertilizers in the country

TO BE ANSWERED ON: 05.04.2022

3698.: SHRI HARNATH SINGH YADAV:

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

- (a) whether Government proposes to establish new units / plants for production of chemical fertilizers in the country including Uttar Pradesh;
- (b) if so, the details thereof during the last three years and the current year;
- (c) whether Government also proposes to set up any plant with external assistance to meet the shortage of fertilizers in the country, especially in various districts in Uttar Pradesh:
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the further steps proposed to promote indigenous production of fertilizers?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR CHEMICAL AND FERTILIZERS

(SHRI BHAGWANTHKHUBA)

(a) & (b): Yes Sir. Government of India mandated revival of Ramagundam (Telangana), Gorakhpur (UP), Sindri (Jharkhand) and Talcher (Odisha) units of Fertilizer Corporation of India (FCIL) and Barauni (Bihar) Unit of Hindustan Fertilizer Corporation Ltd (HFCL) through Joint Venture Company (JVC) of nominated PSUs for setting up new ammonia-urea plants of 12.7 LMTPA capacity each.

Further, Cabinet in its meeting held on 21.05.2015 inter-alia approved setting up of New urea plant of 8.646 LMTPA capacity in the existing premises of BVFCL, which has been notified by Department of Fertilizers vide OM dated 12.06.2015.

- (c): No Sir. There is no such proposal.
- (d): In view of (c) above, question does not arise.
- (e): With respect to urea fertilizer, the Government had announced New Investment Policy (NIP) 2012 on 2nd January, 2013 and its amendment on 7th October, 2014 to facilitate fresh investment in the urea sector and to make India self-sufficient in the urea sector. Under NIP-2012, Matix Fertilizers and Chemicals Ltd. (Matix), Chambal Fertilizers and Chemicals Ltd. (CFCL), Ramagundam Fertilizers and Chemicals Ltd. (RFCL) and Hindustan Urvarak & Rasayan Limited (HURL) have set up urea plants of 12.7 Lakh Metric Ton per annum (LMTPA) capacity each at Panagarh (West Bengal), Gadepan (Rajasthan), Ramagundam (Telangana) and Gorakhpur(Uttar Pradesh) respectively.

Further, revival of one closed unit of Fertilizers Corporation of India Ltd. (FCIL) at Sindri(Jharkhand) and one closed unit of Hindustan Fertilizers and Chemicals Ltd. (HFCL) at Barauni(Bihar) by means of setting up of new greenfield urea units of 12.7 LMTPA at each of the locations is also included under the NIP-2012. For the revival of Talcher(Odisha) unit of FCIL by setting up a new greenfield urea plant of 12.7 LMTPA an exclusive policy has been notified on 28th April 2021.

Further, the Government of India has also notified the New Urea Policy (NUP) – 2015 on 25th May, 2015 for existing 25 gas based urea units with the objective of maximizing indigenous urea production; promoting energy efficiency in urea production; and rationalizing subsidy burden on the Government. The implementation of NUP-2015 has led to additional production of urea by 20-25 LMTPA as compared to production of urea during 2014-15.

Department of Fertilizers has also granted permission to Madhya Bharat Agro product Limited Unit-II, Banda Sagar, MP for production of 1,20,000 MT per annum of P&K fertilizers. Further, Paradeep Phosphates Ltd. is expected to manufacture additional DAP/NPK complex to the tune of 8 LMT per annum utilizing the 2 trains of ZACL Goa Plant. A new DAP/NPK Plant by RCF with annual capacity of 5 LMT in Thal and a new DAP/NPK Plant by FACT with annual capacity of 5.5 LMThas been granted permission in June 2024. Potash derived from Molasses (PDM) has also been notified under Nutrient based subsidy (NBS) regime.
