

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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Funds for domestic production of fertilizers in Tamil Nadu

653: SHRI P. WILSON:

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

- (a) whether Government has allocated funds to States especially to Tamil Nadu to resolve the fluctuating prices of raw materials required to produce fertilisers;
- (b) whether Government has taken any measure to address the lack of domestic production of fertilizers in the country especially in Tamil Nadu;
- (c) whether Government has created any awareness program to address the over usage of fertilisers in agriculture because of the wrong usages of NPK; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof, if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

MINISTER FOR HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE AND CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS  
(DR. MANSUKH MANDAVIYA)

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(a): No Sir.

(b): The Government had announced New Investment Policy (NIP) – 2012 on 2<sup>nd</sup> January, 2013 and its amendment on 7<sup>th</sup> 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) and Ramagundam Fertilizers and Chemicals Ltd (RFCL) have set up new urea plants of 12.7 Lakh Metric Tonne per annum (LMTPA) Capacity each at Panagarh (West Bengal), Gadepan-III (Rajasthan) and Ramagundam (Telangana), respectively.

In addition to above, revival of Gorakhpur and Sindri units of Fertilizers and Chemicals India Ltd (FCIL) and Barauni unit of Hindustan Fertilizers and Chemicals Ltd (HFCL) by setting up of new green field urea units of 12.7 LMTPA at each of the locations is also included under the NIP-2012 read with its amendment. For the revival of Talcher unit of FCIL by setting up a new green field urea plant of 12.7 LMTPA, an exclusive policy has been notified on 28<sup>th</sup> April 2021.

The Government of India has also notified the New Urea Policy (NUP) – 2015 on 25<sup>th</sup> 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. NUP-2015 also envisages the provision to incentivize beyond Re-assessed Capacity (RAC) production which has led

to additional production from the existing gas based urea units due to which the actual production of urea has increased by 20-25 LMTPA in comparison to the actual production during 2014-15.

Further, Cabinet in its meeting held on 21.05.2015 has approved to install a new urea plant of 8.646 LMT per annum in the existing premises of Brahmaputra Valley Fertilizers Corporation Ltd (BVFCL) replacing the existing old urea units Namrup-II and Namrup-III.

No specific measures has been taken to address the lack of domestic production of fertilizers especially in Tamil Nadu.

(c) & (d): Government is promoting Integrated Nutrient Management (INM) which includes soil test based balanced and integrated use of chemical fertilizers in conjunction with organic sources of nutrients like Farm Yard Manure (FYM), city compost, vermi-compost and bio-fertilizers that leads to saving in use of chemical fertilizers.

INM is being promoted through implementation of Soil Health Card (SHC) scheme since 2015. Soil health card provides nutrient status of the soil along with prescription about balanced and integrated use of inorganic and organic fertilizers to maintain good soil health that results in increase in production.

Demonstrations about balanced use of fertilizers based on soil health card recommendations and training to the farmers on proper and integrated use of fertilizers are integral part of the scheme. Financial assistance is provided to State governments for training of farmers, demonstrations on farmer fields and organizing farmer melas.

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