

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
RAJYA SABHA
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ANSWERED ON

GAS AND PIPELINE NETWORK FOR REVIVAL OF FERTILIZER PLANTS .

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that due to a lack of gas and pipeline network, the expansion and revival of fertilizer plants is being hampered;
- (b) if so, the steps being taken for active support from the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas on revival of fertilizer industry;
- (c) the quantity of gas required to expand fertilizer plants and to switch from Naphtha based to plants to gas based plants; and
- (d) the steps being taken for time-bound gas connectivity of fertilizer units?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS

(SHRI SRIKANT KUMAR JENA)

(a) to (d): The Government has accorded highest priority for allocation of gas to fertilizer sector as and when they are in position to receive the gas. However, the expansion and revival of the fertilizer plants is hampered due to lack of firm availability of domestic natural gas for these projects from future date as the revival of fertilizer units or expansion depends upon the firm commitment towards supply of domestic natural gas. The Department has taken up the issue with Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas for early resolution so that the expansion and revival projects could be expedited.

The quantity of natural gas required for the proposed expansion projects and conversion of naphtha based units to gas based units is 13.9 mmscmd and 8.12 mmscmd, respectively.

As regards the time bound gas connectivity of fertilizer units, the tentative timeline has been indicated by MOPNG which is as under:

PIPELINE CONNECTIVITY PLAN (As provided by GAIL and MOP&NG)

S.No.	Proposed pipeline Agency for	Fertilizer unit	Expected year
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connecting	proposed to be	of connectivity
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plants	connected
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Naphtha based plants

1	Dhabol, Bangalore	GAIL	ZIL, Goa	2011-12
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2. Kochi-Mangalore- GAIL MFCL, Mangalore 2012-13

Bangalore

3. Kochi-Mangalore- GAIL FACT, Cochin 2011-12

Bangalore (Also

from Kochi LNG

Terminal)

Fuel Oil/ LSHS based plants

4. Dadri-Bawana- GAIL NFL-Nangal, 2011-12

Nangal Panipat, Bhatinda

Closed Units

5. Spur from the GAIL FCI, Sindri 2012-13

following pipeline: FCI, Gorakhpur

Jagdishpur-Haldia HFC, Barauni

HFC, Durgapur

HFC, Haldia