

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
RAJYA SABHA
QUESTION NO 27.11.2009
ANSWERED ON
TIME FRAME FOR REHABILITATION OF HFCL AND FCIL .

941

Shri P. Rajeeve

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government has decided to rehabilitate all closed urea producing units of HFCL and FCIL;
- (b) if so, the exact time frame for such rehabilitation;
- (c) the details of feedstock to be used, cost of rehabilitation of each unit; and
- (d) whether all the plants in the public sector would be rehabilitated?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS

(SHRI SRIKANT KUMAR JENA)

(a) to (d): The Government has decided to explore the feasibility of revival of the closed public sector fertilizer units of HFCL and FCIL subject to assured availability of natural gas, to meet the emerging demand production gap of urea in the country. The Government has constituted an Empowered Committee of Secretaries (ECOS) with the mandate to evaluate all financing options for revival of the closed units of FCIL/HFCL and to make suitable recommendations for consideration of the Government. ECOS has already considered various possible financing options for revival of each of the closed units and have finalized its recommendations. The recommendations of ECOS are under

consideration of the Government. For the rehabilitation of the each unit of HFCL and FCIL, coal gas or natural gas is expected to be used as feedstock for revival of each of these units, which is expected to cost approximately Rs. 4000 crore. No firm time frame for the decision on finalization of revival proposal can be indicated at this stage as the same is under consideration of the Government.

