

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS
DEPARTMENT OF FERTILIZERS

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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1781 TO BE ANSWERED ON 14.12.2021

Production of fertilizers

1781: SHRI JOHN BRITTAS:

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

- (a) whether the production of fertilizers has been affected due to power shortage;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the steps taken to ensure optimum production of fertilizers; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof ?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS AND NEW &
RENEWABLE ENERGY (BHAGWANTH KHUBA)

(a) & (b) There was no loss of fertilizer production due to power shortage during 2020-21 and 2021-2022 except at IFFCO plant at Kandla unit which reported loss of production of complex fertilizers of 9460 metric tonnes (MT) in 2020-2021 and 2420 MT in 2021-22. Most fertilizer plants have captive power plants and have arrangements to draw power from the grid.

(c) & (d) 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 country self-sufficient in the urea sector.

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. 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 LMPTA in comparison to the actual production during 2014-15.
