UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 654 TO BE ANSWERED ON: 13.12.2022

Setting up of Urea factory at Barauni

654.: SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR MODI:

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

(a) the cost involved in setting up the urea fertilizer factory located at Barauni, Bihar, the physical and financial progress thereof;

(b) the annual consumption of urea in the country at present, the quantum of urea being produced and imported in the country;

(c) the estimated annual production capacity of urea from Barauni plant and by when India would become self-reliant in terms of urea production;

(d) the market price of a urea bag weighing 40 kilograms each and the subsidy being provided per bag; and

(e) the probable date by which the Barauni plant would be formally inaugurated?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS

(SHRI BHAGWANTH KHUBA)

(a): The cost of the Barauni project is ₹ 8388 crore. Urea production at Barauni plant commenced on 18th October, 2022.

(b): The annual consumption, production and import of urea in the country for last 3 years is given below:-

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<th>Consumption (LMT)</th>
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(c): The installed urea production capacity of Barauni plant is 12.70 Lakh MT per annum. In order to make India self-sufficient in the urea sector, Government announced New Investment Policy (NIP) – 2012 on 2nd January, 2013 and its amendment on 7th October, 2014. Accordingly, 6 urea units, 2 in private sector and 4 in public sector with capacity of 12.7 LMTPA each have been set up under NIP–2012 resulting into total installed capacity of 283.74 LMTPA in the country.

(d): Urea is presently made available to the farmers in bag of 45 kg. The Maximum Retail Price (MRP) of 45 Kg of bag of urea is ₹242 per bag (exclusive of charges towards neem coating and taxes as applicable) as notified by Department of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare vide gazette notification dated 1st March 2018. The subsidy provided per 45 kg bag of urea is approximately ₹1800 (Q-1 of 2022-23).

(e): The Barauni plant started urea production on 18th October, 2022. However, formal date for inauguration of the plant yet to be decided.

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