

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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DEPARTMENT OF FERTILIZERS

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**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 507 TO BE ANSWERED ON: 07.02.2023**

**Production of fertilizers**

**507: SHRI TIRUCHI SIVA:**

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

- (a) whether Government has registered a growth in the production of fertilizers between 2019-22 and if so, the extent of the increase thereof;
- (b) whether new fertilizer plants are being set up as per the growing needs of the future;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the number of plants likely to be set up, State/UT-wise?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF STATE FOR CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS  
(**SHRI BHAGWANTH KHUBA**)

(a): The Year wise production of fertilizers during 2019-20 to 2021-22 are as under:

<b>Production of fertilizers during 2019-20 to 2021-22</b> ( Fig. in LMT)	
<b>Year</b>	<b>Fertilizer Production</b>
2019-20	425.95
2020-21	433.68
2021-22	435.95

(b)& (d): With regard to urea fertilizer, 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. Total 6 new urea units have been set up under NIP – 2012. These are Panagarh urea unit of Matix Fertilizers and Chemicals Ltd. (Matix) in West Bengal; Gadepan-III urea unit of Chambal Fertilizers and Chemicals Ltd. (CFCL) in Rajasthan; Ramagundam urea unit of Ramagundam Fertilizers and Chemicals Ltd.(RFCL) in Telangana; and 3 urea units namely Gorakhpur, Sindri and Barauni of Hindustan Urvarak & Rasayan Limited (HURL) in Uttar Pradesh, Jharkhand and Bihar respectively. Each of these units has the installed urea production capacity of 12.7 Lakh Metric Tonne per annum.

Further, an exclusive policy has been notified on 28<sup>th</sup> April, 2021 for the revival of Talcher unit of FCIL in Odisha by setting up a new greenfield urea plant of 12.7 LMT per annum through coal gasification route.

The Government has also notified New Urea Policy (NUP) – 2015 on 25<sup>th</sup> May, 2015 with one of the objectives of maximizing indigenous urea production. NUP-2015 has led to additional production of urea by 20-25 LMTPA as compared to the production during 2014-15.

Further, Department of Fertilizers is encouraging its PSUs for setting up Nano Urea plants. Till date, 3 Nano Urea plants have been set up by Indian Farmers Fertilizer Cooperative (IFFCO) at Kalol (Gujarat), Phulpur (Uttar Pradesh) and Aonla (Uttar Pradesh) with capacity of 17 crore bottles (500 ml) per annum.

Further, P&K fertilizers are decontrolled under the Nutrient Based Subsidy (NBS) scheme. However, the Govt. of India has taken following steps in the direction of increasing the domestic production of P&K fertilizers:

- (i) Department of Fertilizers (DoF) granted permission to produce DAP/NPK fertilizers to Madhya Bharat Agro product Limited Unit-II, Banda Sagar, Madhya Pradesh for production of 2,40,000 MT per annum.
- (ii) DoF granted permission to produce DAP/NPK fertilizers to Krishna Phoschem Ltd., Meghnagar, Madhya Pradesh for production of 3,30,000 MT per annum.
- (iii) A proposal had been received from Rashtriya Chemicals and Fertilizers Limited (RCF) for setting up a NPK plant at Thal (Maharashtra) from its own resources and no financial assistance would be provided by the Government of India. Department of Fertilizers has granted administrative approval for this project on 15.11.2021.
- (iv) Further, Union Cabinet accorded approval for CAPEX worth Rs. 608 Crore for implementing essential capital jobs with a view to enhance the reliability of Fertilizer production plants.

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