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UN STARRED QUESTION NO. 518 TO BE ANSWERED ON: 07.02.2023

Revival of fertilizer companies

518. SHRI DEEPAK PRAKASH:

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

- (a) the details of the revival plan approved / sanctioned in respect of Central Public Sector fertilizer companies including HURL (Hindustan Urvarak & Rasayan Ltd.), Sindri; and
- (b) the details of the benefit that would be available to Jharkhand through the fertilizer company, for which packages were given under the revival plan?

ANSWER

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

(a) : Union Cabinet in its meeting held on 04.08.2011 approved revival of Ramagundam, Sindri and Talcher units of Fertilizer Corporation India Limited (FCIL) through nomination basis by forming a Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV) of Central Public Sector Enterprises (CPSE) and in the same meeting Union Cabinet also approved revival of Gorakhpur & Korba units of FCIL and Durgapur, Barauni & Haldia units of HFCL through bidding route.

Subsequently, Union Cabinet in its meeting held on 13.07.2016 approved revival of Gorakhpur & Sindri units of FCIL and Barauni unit of Hindustan Fertilizer Corporation Limited (HFCL) through nomination basis by forming a SPV of nominated CPSEs. Accordingly, a Joint Venture Company was incorporated as Hindustan Urvarak & Rasayan Limited (HURL) with equity of National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC), Coal India Limited (CIL), Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOCL) is 29.67% each and 11% of FCIL to set up three gas based ammonia urea plants of 12.7 LMTPA capacity each at Gorakhpur (Uttar Pradesh), Barauni (Bihar) and Sindri (Jharkhand). These plants have started urea production on 07.12.2021, 18.10.2022 and 05.11.2022 respectively.

(b) : The Revival of Sindri plant is a part of Government initiatives to revive closed units of FCIL/HFCL to reduce the dependence on urea imports and to realize the vision of Prime Minister to make India 'Aatmanirbhar' (self-reliant) in the urea sector. Sindri plant aimed to ensure adequate and timely supply of fertilizers to the farmers in Jharkhand and other adjoining states. The commencement of urea production from Sindri Plant on 05.11.2022 led to enhance availability of fertilizers in the region. Besides socio-economic development in the region, the plant generated about 500 direct and 1500 indirect employment opportunities in the region.
