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Self-reliance in urea sector

341: SHRI MITHLESH KUMAR:

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

- (a) Whether Government has any plan to reduce the dependence on urea imports in the country;
- (b) If so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether Government has any roadmap to become self-reliant in urea sector; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS

(SHRI BHAGWANTH KHUBA)

(a) to (d): With regard to Urea, 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 India self-sufficient in the urea sector. Total 6 new urea units have been set up under NIP-2012. Each of these units has installed capacity of 12.7 Lakh Metric Tonne per annum (LMTPA). Therefore, these units have together added urea production of 76.2 LMTPA thereby total production urea production capacity has increased from 207.54 LMTPA during 2014-15 to 283.74 LMTPA at present. Further, an exclusive policy for the revival of Talcher unit of FCIL through JVC of nominated PSUs namely Talcher Fertilizers Limited (TFL) by setting up a new Greenfield urea plant of 12.7 LMTPA at coal gasification route has also been approved. In addition, The Government also notified the New Urea Policy (NUP) – 2015 on 25th May, 2015 for the existing 25 gas-based urea units with one of the objectives of maximizing indigenous urea production. The NUP-2015 has led to additional production of urea by 20-25 LMTPA as compared to the production during 2014-15. These steps together have facilitated increase of Urea production from level of 225 LMT per annum during 2014-15 to 284.94 LMT during 2022-23.

These policy initiatives have resulted in significant increase in indigenous urea production and have contributed towards India becoming self-reliant in urea sector in the near future.
