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New Urea Policy

4310: PROF. RAVINDRA VISHWANATH GAIKWAD:

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

- (a) whether the Government has formulated a New Urea Policy to increase the domestic production of urea to the optimum level in the country and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Government proposes to increase the energy capacity to boost urea production without hiking the retail price under the New Urea Policy and if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the annual additional production of urea in terms of metric tonnes likely to increase after the implementation of New Urea Policy?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT & HIGHWAYS,
SHIPPING AND CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS

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(a) to (c): Yes, Madam. Department of Fertilizers has notified New Urea Policy-2015 (NUP-2015) on 25th May, 2015 with the objective of maximizing indigenous urea production; promoting energy efficiency in urea production; and rationalizing subsidy burden on the government. On the basis of pre-set energy norms, the units have been divided into following three groups:-

- (i) Group I includes the urea units having pre-set energy norms between 5.0 G Cal/MT to 6.0 G Cal/MT.
- (ii) Group II includes the urea units having pre-set energy norms between 6.0 G Cal/MT to 7.0 G Cal/MT.
- (iii) Group III includes the urea units having pre-set energy norms more than 7.0 G Cal/MT.

Further, these urea units have been given the target energy consumption to be achieved in the year 2018-19. For group-I, target energy norms for the year 2018-19 is 5.5 G Cal/MT (except TCL-Babrala for which existing pre-set energy consumption norm of NPS-III i.e. 5.417 G Cal/MT will continue). For group-II and group-III, the energy consumption norms for the year 2018-19 is 6.2 G Cal/MT and 6.5 G Cal/MT respectively. Currently there is no proposal to hike the Maximum Retail Price (MRP) of urea.

NUP-2015 has led to additional production of approximately 20 LMT from the existing plants against the year 2014-15 and the total production of urea during the year 2015-16 was approximately 245 LMT i.e. the highest ever urea production in the country.
