GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS DEPARTMENT OF FERTILIZERS

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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 769 TO BE ANSWERED ON: 07.02.2017

Revival of Barauni Factory

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

- (a) whether the Government is taking any concrete step to revive the Barauni Fertilizer Factory and if so, the current status thereof;
- (b) whether any assessment has been made regarding the amount likely to be incurred by the Government to make the said factory functional; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the time by which this factory is likely to start production?

ANSWER

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

(SHRI MANSUKH L. MANDAVIYA)

(a) Yes, Madam. As approved by the Union Cabinet on 13.07.2016, the Barauni unit of Hindustan Fertilizer Corporation Limited (HFCL) is being revived by means of a Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV) namely, Hindustan Urvarak & Rasayan Limited (HURL) of Public Sector Units namely, National Thermal Power Corporation, Coal India Limited, Indian Oil Corporation Limited and Fertilizer Corporation India Limited/Hindustan Fertilizer Corporation Limited, through "nomination route". An Inter-Ministerial Committee (IMC) has also been constituted to oversee the revival process. Projects & Development India Limited (PDIL) is currently carrying out Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA). HFCL has begun process of disposal of old plant to ensure that the clean land is handed over to HURL. HURL has issued tender for the main plant to pre – qualified bidders.

(b) & (c): A 1.27 Million Metric Ton Per Annum (MMTA) Urea plant is proposed to be set up at Barauni. In the current scenario the cost for setting up a natural gas feedstock based plant of this size is approximately Rs. 6500 crores. This investment is to be done by the SPV designated to revive the Barauni unit. Therefore, there is no financial implication on Government to revive the Barauni unit. The project is likely to start production by October, 2020.
