

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS
DEPARTMENT OF FERTILIZERS

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**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 529
TO BE ANSWERED ON 19.12.2017**

Urea Production

529: SHRIMATI K. MARAGATHAM:

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

- (a) whether it is true that though India set a record of producing 24.2 million tonnes of urea in 2016-17, it had to import around eight million tonnes to meet the domestic demand;
- (b) whether the Government has already started work on reviving closed urea manufacturing plants to ramp up production;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) whether it is true that India will have surplus urea and can explore possibility of export of urea to the neighboring countries?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS

(RAO INDERJIT SINGH)

(a) : Yes Madam, The production of urea during 2016-17 was about 24.2 million tonnes. Urea for direct agricultural use is imported on Government account to bridge the gap between assessed demand and indigenous production in the country. The import of urea during 2016-17 was 5.48 million tonnes.

(b) & (c) : The Gol has approved revival of four closed units of FCIL located at Talcher, Ramagundam, Gorakhpur & Sindri and one closed unit of HFCL located at Barauni on nomination basis, subject to non-recourse to Government funding. Each of these units are being revived by setting up new Ammonia-Urea plant having production capacity of 1.27 million metric tonnes (MMT) per annum. The PSUs nominated for the revival of these units will bear the cost of revival. Commercial production from Ramagundam unit is likely to start by 2018 while from other 4 units, it is likely to start by 2020.

(d): Under the provision of New Investment Policy (NIP) -2012 dated 2nd January 2013 and read with its amendment dated 7th October, 2014, Matix Fertilizers & Chemicals Limited (Matix) has set up a Coal Bed Methane (CBM) based Greenfield Ammonia- Urea Complex at Panagarh, West Bengal with the installed capacity of 1.3 MMT per annum. The commercial production of Matix has started on 1st October, 2017. Chambal Fertilizers & Chemicals Limited (CFCL) has also proposed to set up a Brownfield project with capacity of 1.34 MMT at Gadepan, Rajasthan, which is likely to start commercial production in January, 2019.
