

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS
DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS & PETROCHEMICALS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO 579
TO BE ANSWERED ON 06.02.2018**

Chemical Hub

579: SHRI S. P. MUDDAHANUME GOWDA

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

- (a) whether the Government has any proposal to develop Chemical Hubs in the country and if so, the total projected expenditure thereon;
- (b) the location and time by which the Central Institute of Chemical Engineering and Technology is likely to be established;
- (c) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to increase the production of chemical substances; and
- (d) the time by which India would become a major producer of chemical substances?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE INDEPENDENT CHARGE FOR MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (RAO INDERJIT SINGH)

(a) The Government is exploring various options for developing Chemical Hubs in the country. In this regard, a committee has been constituted by the Government to deliberate the issues for setting up of Chemical & Petrochemicals Hubs including availability of various products and by-products at various refineries in the country.

(b) The Government is exploring various options for establishing Central Institute of Chemical Engineering and Technology (CICET).

(c) & (d) The Chemical sector is delicensed and decontrolled. The entrepreneurs are setting up units in the private sector based on techno economic feasibility, demand and supply scenario and cost of feedstock/ raw materials. Government has taken various steps including rationalization of custom duty on the feedstock/building blocks for having synergy in the complete value chain for boosting the Chemical sector and competitiveness of the industry in the country. In addition, various seminars/workshops along-with 'INDIA-CHEM Mumbai, 2016' and 'INDIA-CHEM Gujarat 2017' were held for facilitating exchange of technology, ideas, innovations and Buyer Seller's meet for growth in the chemical sector.
