

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS  
DEPARTMENT OF FERTILIZERS

**LOK SABHA**

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO 600†**  
**TO BE ANSWERED ON: 06.02.2018**

**Decline in Urea Import**

**600† SHRI HARI MANJHI:**

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

- the quantitative decline in the import of urea due to its record production in the country and the quantum of revenue saved to as a result thereof;
- whether the production of other fertilizers has also increased in the country;
- if so, the details thereof along with the initiatives taken by the Government in this regard; and
- the number of closed fertilizer factories for which the Government has taken initiative for revamping during the last two years and the present status thereof?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANING AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS & FERILIZERS  
**(RAO INDERJIT SINGH)**

(a): The import of urea is made on Government account to bridge the gap between estimated indigenous production and assessed demand in the country. The import during the year 2017-18 (Apr-Dec) was 49.83 Lakh MT as against the import of 49.88 Lakh MT in the year 2016-17 for the same duration. Thus there is a decline of 0.05 Lakh MT in import of urea during 2017-18 (Apr-Dec) over previous year. Based on the weighted average price of urea imports during the current year i.e. US\$ 216.86 PMT CFR, the saving work out to US\$ 1.08 million.

(b) & (c): Yes Madam, the production of urea and other fertilizers during the last three years and current year (upto Dec, 17) are as below:

Year	Urea	A/S	DAP	Complex	SSP	Total
2014-15	225.85	4.41	34.44	78.32	42.36	385.39
2015-16	244.75	4.14	37.87	83.01	43.39	413.14
2016-17	242.01	4.90	43.65	79.66	44.18	414.41
2017-18 (upto Dec,17)	177.84	4.14	36.88	63.01	30.03	311.90

(d): During the last two years GOI has approved revival of five units namely, Ramagundam, Sindri, Gorakhpur and Talcher units of FCIL and Barauni unit of HFCL. The details are given in **Annexure**.

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**Ramagundam Unit:**

Ramagundam unit of FCIL is being revived on nomination basis by consortium of PSUs namely Engineers India Limited (EIL), National Fertilizers Limited (NFL) and FCIL by setting up a gas based fertilizer plant of 1.27 MMTPA capacity. The Joint Venture agreement was signed on 14.1. 2015. JV Company named Ramagundam Fertilizers & Chemicals Limited has been formed. Progress made so far is as under:

- Project construction activities are under progress.
- As on 15th January 2018, 69.5% of physical progress of the project has been made.
- The project is likely to be commissioned by 31.12.2018.

**Gorakhpur & Sindri units of FCIL and Barauni Unit of HFCL**

Gorakhpur, Sindri and Barauni units are being revived by means of a Special Purpose Vehicle of Public Sector Undertakings namely, National Thermal Power Corporation, Coal India Limited, Indian Oil Corporation Limited and Fertilizer Corporation India Limited/Hindustan Fertilizer Corporation Limited by setting up gas based fertilizer plants of 1.27 MMTPA capacity each . A Joint Venture company by name Hindustan Urvarak & Rasayan Limited (HURL) has been formed. Progress made so far is as under:

- Pre project activities are under progress. The following pre-project activities have been completed in respect of all the three project:
  1. Pre-feasibility
  2. Geo technical investigation and topographic studies
  3. Hydro geological and ground water study for water availability
  4. Environment clearances have been obtained
- Building/office renovation work has been started and full fledged site offices have been established at all the 3 locations.
- Pre project works like site development, construction water and power facility have already begun at Gorakhpur & Barauni.
- The technical and commercial evaluation of all the bids for all three projects have been completed.
- The above three projects likely to start production by 2020.

**Talcher Unit:**

Talcher Unit of FCIL is being revived on 'Nomination basis' by a Consortium of PSUs namely RCF, GAIL, CIL and FCIL by setting up a coal based fertilizer plant of 1.27 MMTPA capacity. A JV Company Talcher Fertilizers Limited (TFL) has been formed. Progress made so far as under:

- Coal gasification technology has been selected.
- Pre project activities are under progress.
- Environment clearance has been obtained.
- Power Price Parity for Bridge Linkage Coal approved by Coal Ministry.
- MoU with IOC for Pet-coke signed on 10.08.17

The Talcher project is likely to start production by 2021

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