

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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DEPARTMENT OF FERTILIZERS

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Revival of Fertilizer Units

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

- (a) whether the Government is reviving four fertilizer plants at a total cost of Rs.50000 Crores which has the potential to turn India into a fertilizer exporting country from an importing one;
- (b) whether about 75 lakhs metric tonnes of fertilizer would be added to the output taking the total capacity to about 320 lakh metric tonnes once production gets started in these plants;
- (c) whether the Government has already improved the capacity of the existing fertilizer plants from 225 lakhs metric tonnes to 245 lakh metric tonnes at no additional cost; and
- (d) if so, the details 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) : Government has decided to revive five closed units namely Gorakhpur, Sindri, Talcher and Ramagundam units of Fertilizer Corporation of India Limited (FCIL) and Barauni unit of Hindustan Fertilizer Corporation Limited (HFCL) by setting up of 12.7 Lakh Metric Tonnes Per Annum (LMTPA) urea plant at each of these units and total capacity of production of five units comes to 63.5 LMTPA. The tentative project cost of the four units except Talcher is ₹ 26,321 crore. The project cost for Talcher is yet to be finalized.

(b) : At present capacity of existing domestic Urea units is 245.0 LMTPA. However the total Urea capacity in the country capacity after revamping of above five Units is likely to be 304.5 LMTPA. In addition, two plants of combined capacity of 26.4 LMTPA are also being set up/commissioned in the private sector. This will further augment capacity to nearly 33 million tonnes. This augmentation in production capacity should help India in moving towards achieving self sufficiency in urea.

(c) & (d): Based on Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) decision, vide notification dated 25th May, 2015, Department of Fertilizers has notified New Urea Policy – 2015 (NUP-2015) effective from 1st June, 2015, with the objectives of maximizing indigenous urea production; promoting energy efficiency in urea production; and rationalizing subsidy burden on the Government. NUP-2015 has led to 244.75 Lakhs Metric Tonnes of urea production during the year 2015-16 i.e., the highest ever urea production in the country.
