

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS
DEPARTMENT OF FERTILIZERS

LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO. 237* TO BE ANSWERED ON 09.07.2019

Production of Fertilizers

*237 SHRI RAJESHBHAI CHUDASAMA:

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

- (a) whether any increase has been registered in the production of fertilizers during the last three years till date and if so, the extent of increase thereof;
- (b) whether new fertilizer plants are being set up as per the growing needs of the future ;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the number of plants likely to be set up, State/UT-wise ?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS

(SHRI D.V. SADANANDA GOWDA)

(a) to (d): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) to (d) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 237* FOR REPLY ON 09.07.2019 REGARDING "PRODUCTION OF FERTILIZERS".

(a): (i) The production of all fertilizers during 2016-17 to 2018-19 are given below:

(Figure in 'LMT')

Year	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
Fertilizer Production	414.41	413.61	414.85

(ii) The production of all fertilizer during 2016-17 (April to June) to 2019-20 (April to June) are given below:

(Figure in 'LMT')

Year	2016-17 (upto June)	2017-18 (Upto June)	2018-19 (Upto June)	2019-20 (Upto June)
Fertilizer Production	96.42	95.37	99.55	98.41

The above data shows marginal decrease in production of all fertilizers during 2017-18, which is insignificant. Otherwise, the production has been remaining static.

(b) to (d): The Government had announced New Investment Policy (NIP) -2012 on 2nd January, 2013 and its amendment on 7th October 2014 to facilitate fresh investment in urea sector and to make India self-sufficient in the urea sector.

Under NIP-2012 read with its amendment, Matix Fertilizers & Chemicals Limited (Matix) has set up a Coal Bed Methane (CBM) based Greenfield Ammonia-Urea complex at Panagarh, West Bengal. The commercial production of Matix started on 1st October, 2017. However, due to some technical issues fertiliser production in this plant has been suspended w.e.f. 15th November, 2017. The Chambal Fertilizers & Chemicals Limited (CFCL) has also set up a Brownfield project at Gadepan, Rajasthan. The commercial production of CFCL-III started on 1st January, 2019. These plants have annual production capacity of around 12.7 LMT each.

In 2011, Cabinet approved to revive Fertilizer Corporation of India Ltd. (FCIL) & Hindustan Fertilizer Corporation Ltd. (HFCL) units through nomination route by PSUs or through bidding route by private sector. After de-registration of FCIL from BIFR, in respect of Ramagundam unit, a JV company named as Ramagundam Fertilizers & Chemicals Ltd. (RFCL) was formed on 13.02.2015 and in respect of Talcher unit, a JV company named Rashtriya Coal Gas Fertilizers Ltd was formed on 13th November, 2015. However, it was later renamed as Talcher Fertilizers Limited (TFL) on 31st May 2016.

The Cabinet in 2016 approved to revive Gorakhpur, Sindri&Barauni units by means of a Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV) of Public Sector Units through nomination route. Accordingly, a Joint Venture company by name Hindustan Urvarak&Rasayan Limited (HURL) has been formed on 09.06.2016.

Accordingly, Government of India is reviving 5 closed fertilizer plants of Fertilizer Corporation of India Ltd. (FCIL) and Hindustan Fertilizer Corporation Ltd. (HFCL) namely Talcher (Odisha), Ramagundam (Telangana), Gorakhpur (Uttar Pradesh) and Sindri (Jharkhand) plants of FCIL and Barauni (Bihar) plant of HFCL by setting up new Ammonia Urea plants of 12.7 Lakh metric tonne per annum capacity each. Subsequent to commissioning/ start of the above plants, the indigenous urea production will be enhanced by 63.5 Lakh Metric Tonne per year leading to corresponding reduction in import of urea.

The details of aforesaid 5 plants are as under:

S. No.	Project Location	Name of the State	Capacity in Lakh metric tonnes	Year of Commissioning
1	Gorakhpur	Uttar Pradesh	12.7	February 2021
2	Sindri	Jharkhand	12.7	May 2021
3	Barauni	Bihar	12.7	May 2021
4	Ramagundam	Telangana	12.7	December 2019
5	Talcher	Odisha	12.7	September 2023

The Cabinet in its meeting held on 21.05.2015 has also decided to install a new urea plant of 8.646 Lakh Metric Tonne Per Annum (LMTPA) in the existing premises of Brahmaputra Valley Fertilizers Corporation Limited (BVFCL) at Assam, which will subsequently replace the existing urea plants Namrup-II (Capacity 2.20 LMTPA) and Namrup-III (Capacity 2.70 LMTPA).
