GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS DEPARTMENT OF FERTILIZERS LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4065 TO BE ANSWERED ON: 24.03.2023

Promotion of indigenous technique in fertilizer sector

4065. SHRI CHANDRA PRAKASH JOSHI:

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

- (a) the details of the efforts made by the Government to promote manufacturing of fertilizers in the country;
- (b) whether the Government has proposed any new scheme to promote indigenous technology in fertilizer sector in the country;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the Government has proposed any new scheme in Rajasthan for research and development in the field of fertilizers;
- (e) if so, the details thereof;
- (f) whether there is any scheme to set up new unit of fertilizer plant in Chittorgarh Parliamentary Constituency; and
- (g) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER MINISTER OF STATE FOR CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS (SHRI BHAGWANTH KHUBA)

(a) to (c): Sir, 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 the urea sector and to make India self-sufficient in the urea sector. Total 6 new urea units have been set up under NIP – 2012. These are Panagarh urea unit of Matix Fertilizers and Chemicals Ltd. (Matix); Gadepan-III urea unit of Chambal Fertilizers and Chemicals Ltd. (CFCL); Ramagundam urea unit of Ramagundam Fertilizers and Chemicals Ltd.(RFCL); and 3 urea units namely Gorakhpur, Sindri and Barauni of Hindustan Urvarak & Rasayan Limited (HURL). Each of these units have the installed urea production capacity of 12.7 Lakh Metric Tonne per annum. Therefore, these units have together added 76.2 LMT per annum in the existing indigenous urea production capacity of the country.

Further, an exclusive policy has been notified on 28th April 2021 for the revival of Talcher unit of FCIL by setting up a new greenfield urea plant of 12.7 LMT per annum at coal gasification route.

The Government has notified the New Urea Policy (NUP) – 2015 on 25th May, 2015 with one of the objectives of maximizing indigenous urea production. The NUP-2015 has led to additional production of urea by 20-25 LMTPA as compared to the production during 2014-15.

As far as P&K fertilizers are concerned, the Government has taken following steps:

- 1. Granted permission to Madhya Bharat Agro product Limited Unit-II, Banda Sagar, MP for production of DAP/NPK with installed capacity 2.40 LMT per annum.
- 2. Granted permission to M/s. Krishna Phoschem Ltd, MP for production of DAP/NPK with installed capacity 3.30 LMT per annum
- 3. PDM or Potash Derived from Molasses (0-0-14.5-0), which is 100% indigenously manufactured Potassic fertilizer, has been included under Nutrient Based Subsidy (NBS) Scheme.
- 4. Freight Subsidy on SSP, which is an indigenously manufactured fertilizer, has been made applicable for Kharif and Rabi 2022-23.
- (d) to (g): Sir, under the Nutrient Based Subsidy (NBS) scheme, the P&K fertilizer sector is decontrolled, the import of P&K fertilizers is also under Open General Licensing (OGL). Thus, any research and development or setting up of new fertilizer unit is taken up by P&K fertilizer companies on their commercially viable terms.
