

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS & PETROCHEMICALS

LOK SABHA

UN-STARRED QUESTION NO. 247
TO BE ANSWERED ON 21.07.2023

SETTING UP OF CHEMICAL PARKS

247. DR. PRITAM GOPINATHRAO MUNDE:

SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR SAHU:

SHRI RAHUL RAMESH SHEWALE:

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

- a. whether the demand of chemicals is increasing consistently and the chemical industry has become a critical and integral part of growing Indian economy, if so, the details thereof;
- b. whether there is a need to bring innovations in the chemicals sector, if so, the details thereof and the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard;
- c. whether the Government has proposed to set up chemical parks to meet the rising domestic demand in the country, if so, the details thereof;
- d. whether the Government has identified the places/sites where these chemical parks are likely to be set up; and
- e. if so, the details thereof, State-wise?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS

(SHRI BHAGWANTH KHUBA)

(a): Yes Sir. The net imports of Chemicals & Petrochemicals have been increasing due to increasing domestic demand. The import of Chemicals & Petrochemicals is about Rs.3.75 lakh crore in FY 2020-21. The percentage share of the imports of Chemicals & Petrochemicals in the total national imports has increased from 8.9% to 12.8% during the last one decade.

(b): Yes Sir. Department of Chemicals and Petrochemicals has set up Centres of Excellence (CoEs) by providing Grant-in-aid to identified research institute(s) with the aim of improving the existing petrochemicals technology and research in the country. CoEs promote development of new applications of polymers and plastics. So far, 13 Centres of Excellence (CoE) has been established within the premises of reputed educational/research institute.

(c) to (e) : Government is exploring the possibility of setting up of Chemical Parks with plug and play facilities at suitable locations in the country to boost domestic production capacities of critical and strategic important chemicals in a cluster based approach. So far, Government has not finalized any place/site for the proposed Chemical Park, however Stakeholder consultation in this regard is being conducted.
