

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS  
DEPARTMENT OF FERTILIZERS

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 404 TO BE ANSWERED ON: 21.07.2023**

**BVFCL Fertilizer Plant at Namrup**

**404: SHRI GAURAV GOGOI:**

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

- (a) whether the Government is aware that unit II of the fertilizer plant at Namrup operated by BVFCL continued to remain under shutdown w.e.f. 06.01.2020 till date and that Namrup-III plants are being operated at about 80% load;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the repair and maintenance plans and replacement of relevant technologies and equipments, if any and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Government is aware of multiple announcements of a fourth unit of BVFCL to revive the fledgling fertilizer plant; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof along with the reasons for delay and approximate date of setting up the fourth unit along with timelines of activities?"

**ANSWER**

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

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(a) & (b): Yes Sir. A Committee constituted by Department of Fertilizers, Government of India to review the status of safe and economic operability of the Namrup-II plant of BVFCL did not recommend restoration of Namrup-II Unit after the detailed study was conducted.

(c) & (d): Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs on 21<sup>st</sup> May, 2015 approved the setting up of a new Brownfield Ammonia-Urea Complex (Namrup-IV) in the existing premises of BVFCL.

A Committee of Group of Officers (CGO) in its meeting held on 12.08.2022 chaired by CEO, NITI Aayog inter-alia recommended BVFCL for closure. As per the New Public Sector Enterprises (PSE) Policy for Atmanirbhar Bharat, 'Fertilizer' sector is a non-strategic sector. In non-strategic sectors, Public Sector Enterprises shall be considered for privatization, where feasible, otherwise such enterprises shall be considered for closure.

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