

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS  
DEPARTMENT OF FERTILIZERS

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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 400 TO BE ANSWERED ON : 19.11.2019

Joint Venture

**400. SHRI KRUPAL BALAJI TUMANE:**

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

- (a) whether the Government has formulated any policy to promote joint venture fertilizer projects taken up with foreign collaboration to minimize dependence on imported urea and to overcome the shortage of gas and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether any positive response has been received from any foreign country for setting up of such projects;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) the details of the forex saved and the quantum of additional increase in the fertilizers produced annually due to the said measures in the country;
- (e) whether the availability of the said products has been ensured from these measures in the country; and (f) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS

(SHRI D.V. SADANADA GOWDA)

(a): No Sir. There is no policy formulated to promote joint venture fertilizer projects taken up with foreign collaboration.

(b) & (c): Yes Sir. A proposal has been received from Gabon for establishment of Urea-Ammonia Joint Venture plant along with Urea off-take to India. On the advice of Ministry of External Affairs, Department of Fertilizers sent a technical team to Gabon to assess the said project. Meanwhile, Ministry of External Affairs informed about the political instability in Gabon and advised Department of Fertilizers to put on hold the proposal of investment in Gabon until the situation improves.

(d) to (f): Question does not arise in view of the above.

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