

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS
DEPARTMENT OF FERTILIZERS

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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 312 TO BE ANSWERED ON 04.02.2020

Sick Chemical and Fertilizer Plants

312. SHRI KUNWAR PUSHPENDRA SINGH CHANDEL:

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

- a) the details of sick public sector chemicals and fertilizers plants in the country, State-wise;
- b) whether the Government is contemplating any scheme of disinvestment of these sick industries and if so, the details thereof;
- c) the number of employees in these plants likely to be affected by the said disinvestment along with the details thereof;
- d) the details of profit likely to be made from disinvestment?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS.

(SHRI D. V. SADANANDA GOWDA)

(a) to (d): At present, there are two sick public sector fertilizer manufacturing companies viz., Fertilizers and Chemicals Travancore Limited (FACT) and Madras Fertilizers Limited (MFL), under control of Department of Fertilizers, situated in Kerala and Tamil Nadu respectively. At present, no such proposal for disinvestment of FACT and MFL in Department of Fertilizers.

Chemicals and Petro-Chemicals

There are three Chemical PSUs under the administrative control of D/o Chemicals & Petrochemicals viz. Hindustan Organic Chemicals Ltd. (HOCL), HIL (India) Ltd. and Hindustan Fluorocarbons Ltd. (HFL; subsidiary company of HOCL). Out of these 3 PSUs, HIL is a profit making company. HOCL and HFL were registered with the erstwhile Board for Industrial and Financial Reconstruction (BIFR) as sick companies. However, BIFR has been dissolved with effect from 01.12.2016 following which all proceedings before the Board have abated.

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HOCL has a unit located at Kochi, Kerala, for manufacturing Phenol, Acetone and Hydrogen Peroxide. The Govt. in May, 2017 approved a restructuring plan for HOCL under which the Rasayani unit (Maharashtra) of the company has been closed down. 'In principle' approval has also been accorded under the said restructuring plan for strategic disinvestment of HOCL through DIPAM after the process of disposal of unencumbered land and other assets of Rasayani unit is completed. Presently, out of approximately 684 acres land at Rasayani approved by the Govt. for sale to Bharat Petroleum Corporation Ltd. (BPCL), sale and registration on only about 375 acres land has been completed.

HFL has a unit located at Rudraram, Telangana, for manufacturing Poly Tetra Fluoro Ethylene (PTFE) and of Chloro Di Fluoro Methane (CFM-22). The Govt. on 22.01.2020 has approved shutting down the plant/unit of HFL and closure of the company.
