GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS DEPARTMENT OF FERTILIZERS

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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4990 TO BE ANSWERED ON 01.04.2022

Carbon Foot Print in Urea Production

4990: SHRIMATI RITA BAHUGUNA JOSHI:

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

- (a) whether the Government is taking steps to reduce the carbon footprint in the Urea production in the country; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. The Government has announced New Urea Policy (NUP)-2015 on 25thMay, 2015 for existing 25 gas based urea units with the objectives of maximizing indigenous urea production; promoting energy efficiency in the urea units; and to reduce the subsidy burden on the Government.

As per the NUP-2015, the existing gas based urea units has been classified into three groups based on pre-set energy norms. Further, these urea units have been given the target energy consumption norms which have been made effective for 11 urea units w.e.f. 1st April, 2018 and for the remaining 14 urea units w.e.f. 1st October, 2020.

Further, the Government has dis-incentivized the use of Naptha/ Fuel Oil (FO)/ Low Sulphur Heavy Stock (LSHS) for the production of urea due to which all such units have been converted to Natural Gas as feedstock.
