

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS
DEPARTMENT OF FERTILIZERS

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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 604 TO BE ANSWERED ON: 04.02.2022

New Fertilizer Plants

604: SHRI RAHUL KASWAN:

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

- (a) whether the Government has any plan to increase the domestic production of fertilizers;
- (b) if so, whether the Government proposes to set up new units/plants for the production of chemical fertilizers to meet the demand of DAP and chemical fertilizers in the country;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the Government proposes to set up such plants with foreign assistance to meet the shortage of fertilizers in various parts of the country;
- (e) if so, the details thereof, State-wise including

ANSWER

MINISTER FOR HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE AND CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS
(DR. MANSUKH MANDAVIYA)

(a) to (c): Yes Sir. The Government had announced New Investment Policy (NIP) – 2012 on 2nd January, 2013 and its amendment on 7th October, 2014 to facilitate fresh investment in the urea sector and to make India self-sufficient in the urea sector. Under NIP – 2012, Matix Fertilizers and Chemicals Ltd and Chambal Fertilizers and Chemicals Ltd have set up new urea plants of 12.7 Lakh Metric Ton per annum (LMTPA) Capacity each at Panagarh-West Bengal, Gadepan-Rajasthan (Gadepan-III) respectively. In addition to above, new urea plants of 12.7 LMPTA each at Ramagundam, Gorakhpur & Sindri units of FCIL and Barauni unit of HFCL are also included under NIP-2012. For setting up of new urea plant of 12.7 LMPTA capacity at Talcher unit of FCIL, an exclusive policy has been notified on 28th April 2021.

The Government of India has also notified the New Urea Policy (NUP) – 2015 on 25th May, 2015 for existing 25 gas based urea units with the objective of maximizing indigenous urea production; promoting energy efficiency and rationalizing subsidy burden on the Government. NUP-2015 has led to additional production of urea by 20-25 LMTPA from the existing gas based urea units.

Further, Government of India has taken steps to increase domestic production of Phosphatic and Potassic fertilizers. Accordingly, permission has been granted to Madhya Bharat Agro product Limited Unit-II, Banda Sagar, MP for production of DAP/NPK 1.20 LMT per annum, Paradeep Phosphates Ltd is to manufacture additional DAP / NPK complex to the tune of 8 LMT per annum utilizing the 2 trains of ZACL Goa Plant, besides RCF, Thal and FACT, Kochi to set up new DAP / NPK plants with annual capacity of 5 LMT and 5.5 LMT per annum respectively and further roadmap for long term agreements to ensure regular and sufficient supply of fertilizers including DAP and its raw materials at reasonable prices from various countries is in place.

(d): No Sir

(e): In view of (d) above, question does not arise.
