

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS
DEPARTMENT OF FERTILIZERS
LOK SABHA

UN STARRED QUESTION NO. 2156 TO BE ANSWERED ON: 29.07.2022

Operational fertilizer centers in Gujarat

**2156. SHRI JASWANT SINGH BHABHOR:
SHRI SUNIL BABURAO MENDHE:**

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to increase the number of operational fertilizer centers in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise including Gujarat and Maharashtra;
- (c) the time by which the number of fertilizer plants are likely to be increased;
- (d) whether the Government has conducted any soil test which could help in formulation and enhancement of fertilizer production;
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS

(SHRI BHAGWANTH KHUBA)

(a) to (c): Government of India has mandated revival of Ramagundam (Telangana), Gorakhpur (Uttar Pradesh), Sindri (Jharkhand) and Talcher (Odisha) units of Fertilizer Corporation of India (FCIL) and Barauni (Bihar) Unit of Hindustan Fertilizer Corporation Ltd (HFCL) through Joint Venture Company (JVC) of nominated PSUs by setting up new ammonia-urea plants of 12.7 LMTPA capacity each. After operationalization, these plants would add 63.5 LMT of urea production annually in the country. Ramagundam and Gorakhpur plant have already been commissioned. Barauni and Sindri plants are expected to be commissioned in August, 2022 whereas Talcher plant is expected to be commissioned by September, 2024.

Further, Cabinet in its meeting held on 21.05.2015 inter-alia approved setting up of New urea plant of 8.646 LMTPA capacity in the existing premises of BVFCL, which has been notified by Department of Fertilizers vide OM dated 12.06.2015.

(d) & (e): Government of India (GoI) advocates the concept of balanced and integrated use of fertilizers on the basis of soil test recommendations. The GoI has notified various grades of customized fertilizers, which are soil specific and crop specific on the basis of Soil Health Card recommendations.
