

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS  
DEPARTMENT OF FERTILIZERS

**LOK SABHA**

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO 1906 TO BE ANSWERED ON: 06.12.2024**

**Namrup Fertilizer Plant**

**1906: SHRI GAURAV GOGOI:**

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

- (a) the present operational capacity of the Namrup Fertilizer plant compared to its installed capacity;
- (b) the reasons for any shortfall in production and the steps being taken to address them;
- (c) the status of the proposed fourth plant at Namrup, including the timeline for its establishment and the expected production capacity; and
- (d) whether the Government is taking any steps to attract private investment in the fertilizer sector, including in the expansion of the Namrup Fertilizer Plant, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS

**(SMT. ANUPRIYA PATEL)**

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(a): The reassessed capacity of the Namrup-III Fertilizer plant is 2.7Lakh Metric Tonne of Urea and Plant capacity utilisation generally is 75%.

(b): Shortfall in production may be attributed to frequent tripping and breakdown of rotating and stationary equipment of the plant with ageing and obsolescence of the equipment, and deterioration in condition of LTS (Low Temperature Shift) catalyst.

Steps taken to address them are maintenance and repairing jobs of critical equipment in the ongoing ATA (Annual Turn Around) of the plant. Further, LTS catalyst has been replaced with new catalyst.

(c) & (d): To attract private investment for the expansion of Namrup-IV fertilizer plant, private bidding route has been resorted to and has not met with any success. Government is examining all possible options to find a suitable and sustainable model to set-up Namrup-IV unit in BVFCL.

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