

	1985-86		1986-87	
	Target	Production	Target	Production
F C I	397.0	261.2	390.0	391.4
H F C	265.0	214.8	293.0	208.1

The targets could not be achieved by HFCL during 1985-86 and 1986-87 by FCI during 1985-86 due to equipment problems, ageing of the plant (Gorakhpur), power cuts/failures, voltage dips, equipment imbalances, power shortages, coal quality problems, industrial relations problems, etc.

(d) and (e). The following steps have been taken/are proposed to be taken to improve the operation of the fertilizer plants of FCI and HFCL:-

FCI

- (i) Based on an end-to-end survey by M/s. Krupp Koppers, it is proposed to undertake 'Phase-I' of the rehabilitation proposal for Ramagundam plant.
- (ii) Major revamping scheme has been undertaken at Gorakhpur plant. Its ammonia plant is proposed to be renovated and urea technology upgraded.
- (iii) A 30 MW power plant at Sindri Unit is proposed to be installed.

HFC

- (i) Captive Power Plants at Namrup and Durgapur Units have already been installed and at Barauni Unit. It is at the final stage of installation.
- (ii) Consultants have been appointed for carrying out an end-to-end survey of the operating units at Namrup, Barauni and Durgapur to identify the equipment problems.

Writing Off the Loans to Small and Marginal Farmers

917. SHRI V. TULSIRAM: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Union Government have issued any directions to the State Governments to write off the loans given to small and marginal farmers in the States in view of severe drought situation in those States;

(b) if so, the details of the guidelines/directions issued to the States;

(c) the State-wise financial help propose to be provided to the State Governments to meet the financial burden on the States; and

(d) the amount given to Andhra Pradesh which is being affected by floods and drought every alternate year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION, IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV) : (a) The Union Government have not issued any directions to the State Governments to write off the loans given to farmers.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d). The Union Government do not provide any assistance to the State Government for the purpose.

Evaluation of Crop Insurance Scheme:

918. SHRI MOHD. MOHFOOZ ALI KHAN : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state: