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LOK SABHA**

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CLOSURE OF PUBLIC SECTOR FERTILIZER PLANTS

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

- (a) the number of public sector fertilizer plants closed down State-wise and unit-wise, as on date;
- (b) the reasons for their closing down; and
- (c) whether there is any proposal to revive and improve the performance of these units?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS (SHRI SATYA BRATA MOOKHERJEE)

(a) & (b) Production at the following plants of Fertilizer Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs) under the administrative control of this Department had to be discontinued for reasons of safety/feedstock limitation or unviability:-

1. Ammonia-Urea units at Gorakhpur (Uttar Pradesh), Ramagundam (Andhra Pradesh) and Talcher (Orissa) of Fertilizer Corporation of India Ltd. (FCI).
2. Ammonia-Urea units at Durgapur (West Bengal), Barauni (Bihar) and Namrup-I & II (Assam) of Hindustan Fertilizer Corporation Ltd. (HFC).
3. Dehradun (Mussorie Phos) (Uttar Pradesh), Amjhore (Bihar) and Saladipura (SSP) (Rajasthan) Units of Pyrites, Phosphates & Chemicals Ltd. (PPCL).
4. Urea-I unit of Rashtriya Chemicals & Fertilizers Ltd. (RCF) at Trombay (Maharashtra).

(c) The revival of Gorakhpur plant of FCI has not been found techno-economically feasible. Process is on to enable KRIBHCO to set up a new fertilizer plant at the existing site.

Comprehensive rehabilitation proposals for Ramagundam and Talcher units (FCI), Durgapur and Barauni units (HFC) on the basis of unitwise techno-economic viability and restructuring proposals of Dehradun, Amjhore and Saladipura units of PPCL are to be submitted to the competent authority in the Government and thereafter for final sanction of Board for Industrial and Financial Reconstruction.

The Government has approved the revival of Namrup units of HFC at an estimated fresh investment of Rs 350 crore. Arrangements have also been made for augmenting the supply of natural gas to these units. The Ammonium Sulphate plant of Namrup-I is to be scrapped as it has been found to be unviable and unsafe to operate.

The restart of RCF's Trombay-I urea plant requiring major repairs has not been found techno-economically viable and the company has decided not to operate this plant.