

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS  
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:3  
ANSWERED ON:20.02.2001  
LOSSES IN CHEMICAL AND FERTILIZER UNITS  
DUMPA MARY VIJAYAKUMARI;SURESH RAMRAO JADHAV (PATIL)

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

- (a) whether the chemical and fertilizer units suffered heavy losses due to power failures/crisis in the Northern Region;
- (b) if so, and details thereof; and
- (c) the steps taken/being taken to procure diesel generators in each unit to curtail such losses?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SUKHDEV SINGH DHINDSA)

(a) to (c): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 3 BY Smt. D.I VIJAYA KUMARI AND SHRI SURESH RAMRAO JADHAV TO BE ANSWERED ON 20.2.2001

(a) to (c): Out of twelve fertilizer plants located in the Northern Region, three plants of National Fertilizers Ltd. (NFL) and one plant of Duncan Industries Ltd. (DIL) suffered a production loss of about 26,000 tonnes of Urea during the period April, 2000 to January, 2001 on account of power failures in Northern Power Grid. Installation of diesel generators at fertilizer plants is not considered economically viable.

The Petrochemical Complex of Gas Authority of India Ltd located in Auriaya, Uttar Pradesh suffered losses on account of power failure in the Northern Regional Grid. The production loss and losses due to depressurization/flaring have been assessed at Rs. 3.2 Crore and Rs. 0.7 Crore respectively. This Petrochemical Complex has not been designed to run on generators and relies on steam power for large capacity critical drives. However, to meet power failure eventuality, diesel generators have been provided in the plant in different areas to keep the essential services running so that safe shutdown of the plant is possible.