

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

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RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT IN FERTILIZER SECTOR
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Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a High Level Expert Committee constituted for research and development in the Fertilizer sector has submitted its report to the Government;
- (b) if so, the recommendations made by the said Committee;
- (c) the reaction of the Government on these recommendations and steps taken to implement the same; and
- (d) the funds made available for research and development during the last two years and current year, till date?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR)

- (a) to (c): Department of Fertilizers has, in March, 2001, constituted a Committee to, inter alia, evolve an effective and proper procedure for sanctioning the new and on-going Research and Development (R&D) Schemes of Projects and Development India Ltd. (PDIL). The Committee has reviewed various sponsored projects including those in respect of urea dust emission, urea and ammonia effluent, total recycle of cooling water, upgradation of equipment and underground pipeline.
- (d) An amount of Rs 4.00 crore each during 2000-01 and 2001-02 was released to PDIL for R&D and a provision of Rs.4 crore has been made during 2002-2003.