

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

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FUNCTIONING OF PLANTS
NIKHILANANDA SAR

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

- (a) whether the fertilizer plants at Haldia and Durgapur in West Bengal were not functioning properly due to use of unworthy technology from the very beginning;
- (b) if so, whether the Government have fixed up any responsibility for acceptance of the said technology;
- (c) if so, the action taken against the guilty persons involved in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS

(SHRI RAMESH BAIS)

(a) : The Haldia Fertilizer Project (which could not be commissioned) and Durgapur plant of Hindustan Fertilizer Corporation Ltd.(HFC) did not function properly the main reason for which was mismatch of various equipments and machinery as the same had been procured from various sources against credit tie ups due to constraints imposed in funding.

(b)&(c) : The failure of the Haldia Fertilizer Project was due to factors beyond the control of any individual or group of individuals. The Expert Committee on Haldia Fertilizer Project appointed by the Government in May, 1997 has said amongst other things that what transpired in respect of Haldia Project is in the final analysis the failure of the system as a whole which could not respond to the challenges thrown up in the project.