

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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LOK SABHA**

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CLOSURE OF HINDUSTAN FERTILIZER CORPORATION

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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government have decided to close down the Hindustan Fertilizer Corporation including its fertilizer promotion and agricultural research division;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to make HFC techno-economically viable;
- (d) whether the Government propose to transfer Krishi Vigyan Kendras under HFC to some other organisations;
- (e) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (f) whether the Committee set up in this regard has submitted its report; and
- (g) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

- (a) Yes, Sir.
- (b) The Hindustan Fertilizer Corporation (HFC) has been found techno-economically non-viable.
- (c) Does not arise.
- (d) Yes, Sir.
- (e) There is a proposal to shift KVKs from Durgapur and Sindri to some other organisation due to the closure of HFC.
- (f) Yes, Sir.
- (g) The committee has recommended transfer of KVKs in Durgapur, West Bengal and Sindri, Jharkhand to Orgram, (campus of West Bengal University of Animal & Fishery Sciences) and Ranchi (Birsa Agricultural University, Jharkhand), respectively.