

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

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UREA PRODUCTION IN RCF THAL PROJECT
RAMSHETH THAKUR

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

- (a) whether the production of urea has been reduced in RCF Thal Project due to short supply of natural gas by ONGC;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the project is using naphtha for producing the urea from electric plant;
- (d) if so, the impact of use of naphtha on environment; and
- (e) the steps being taken by the Government to improve the production capacity of the project and to save the environment from use of naphtha

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI RAMESH BAIS)

- (a) Yes, sir.
- (b) Thal Plant of RCF has suffered loss in the production of urea around 8 Lakh MT during last 7 years or account of recurring short supply of gas from GAIL/ONGC. Further, the plant is likely to suffer production loss of around 4-4.5 lakh MT during the year 2000-2001.
- (c) The plant is using naphtha in service boilers for generation of steam for use in urea plant and steam based captive power plant.
- (d) There is no adverse impact on environment by use of naphtha in the plant. The plant is meeting all emission norms prescribed by the Maharashtra Pollution Control Board.
- (e) As a short-term measure, efforts are being made to streamline supply of gas to the plant from GAIL to the extent possible. However, as a long-term measure, RCF has signed a gas supply agreement with M/s Metropolis Gas Company Private Ltd. - a subsidiary of ENRON for supply of adequate gas to the plant from 2003-2004.