

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

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

- (a) whether energy input costs have made the fertilizer plants unviable;
- (b) if so, the annual losses suffered by said plants as a result thereof; and
- (c) the measures taken to make said plants economically viable?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS & MINISTER OF STEEL (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN)

(a) to (c). Rates of concession being paid to urea units are based on pre-set energy norms for urea units made effective from 1.4.2004. As the changes in the prices of energy inputs are being reimbursed to urea units on actual basis, the question of unviability of urea manufacturing units on account of energy input costs does not arise.