

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

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SETTING UP OF NEW FERTILIZER PLANTS

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

- (a) whether the Government has chalked out capital cost for setting up of seven new fertilizer plants so as to remove the crisis of fertilizers in the country as reported in Danik Jagran dated April 22, 2007;
- (b) If so, the details and locations thereof, State-wise;
- (c) the estimated cost involved therein; and
- (d) the total quantity of fertilizers estimated to be produced in each of the plant; and
- (e) the time by which such plants are likely to be commissioned and the produced started?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI B.K. HANDIQUE)

(a) to (e) : In view of increasing gap in demand and supply of urea in the country, the Government is encouraging companies for setting up of new urea plants within the country and also in other countries where gas is available at reasonable price. Some of the Indian companies have submitted their plans for setting up of new urea units in the country during the 11th Plan period. RCF has proposed setting up of urea unit at Thal, Mumbai (Maharashtra), KRIBHCO has proposed setting up of urea unit at Hazira (Gujarat), Indo-Gulf has proposed to set up urea unit at Jagdishpur (Uttar Pradesh) and IFFCO has proposed to set up a urea unit at Nellore (Andhra Pradesh). For setting up of these plants the companies are in initial stage of discussions with gas suppliers and accordingly the detailed project report is under preparation, only after which likely cost of project can be ascertained. At this stage no definite time frame can be fixed.