

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:217

ANSWERED ON:06.07.2004

FERTILIZERS UNITS

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

- (a) the number of fertilizer units operating in the country both in public/private sector at present. State-wise;
- (b) whether these units are utilizing their full capacity;
- (c) if so. the details thereof;
- (d) the steps taken by the Government to enhance the production capacity of these unit;
- (e) whether the Union Government propose to set up new fertilizer factories in the country;
- (f) if so, the details thereof, location-wise; and
- g) the time by which these are likely to be set up?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS (SHRI. K.RAHMAN KHAN)

(a) Details regarding State-wise number of fertilizer units operating in the country both in public/private sector, at present, are annexed.

(b) & (c) No Sir. Details are annexed.

(d) As per the industrial policy resolution dated 24th July, 1991 no industrial license is required for setting up and expansion of existing fertilizer plants, subject to the environment clearance. However, government has been persuing policies which are conducive for encouraging investment in fertilizer sector. In case of urea, Government has recently announced new pricing policy for investment to be made in new and expansion projects of urea. As regards other de-controlled fertilizers mainly DAP and NPK complexes, the installed production capacity of existing plants (54.20 lakh MT in nutrient term) is sufficient enough to meet the current level of requirement (average consumption of last 3 years has been 46-47 lakh MT in nutrient term) of these fertilizers. For MOP, in the absence of any exploitable reserves, the country is fully dependent on imports.

(e) No Sir. There no proposal, at present, to set up new fertilizer plants by the Union Government.

(f) & (g) Question does not arise.

Annexure

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN PART (a) TO (c) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.217 TO BE ANSWERED ON 6-7-2004.

State-wise number of major fertilizer plants in the country their installed capacity, production in nutriant terms & %age capacity utilization during 2003-04.

Nitrogen (000MT)

Name of State No. of Plants Installed Capacity Production %age Cap. Utilization

Assam	2	144.9	110.7	76.4
Andhra Pradesh	4	794.2	825.8	104
Tamil Nadu	4	794.6	652.3	82.1
Kerla	3	174.0	153.4	88.2
Goa	1	288.7	278.1	96.3
Maharasthra	5	1109.9	932.4	84.0
Karnataka	1	207.2	170.9	82.5

Madhya Pradesh	2	795.4	806.7	101.4
Rajasthan	3	969.7	978.1	101.0
Gujarat	8	2218.7	2049.3	92.4
Punjab	3	535.4	471.4	88.0
Uttar Pradesh	7	2819.2	3167.3	112.4
Harayana	1	235.3	235.3	100.0
Jharkhand	1	120.0	0.0	0.0
Orrisa	2	454.8	230.0	50.6
West Bengal	1	121.5	91.1	75.0

Phosphate (000MT)

Name of States No. of Plants Installed Capacity Production %age Cap. Utilization

Andhra Pradesh	2	474.2	537.9	113.4
Tamil Nadu	3	409.3	262.2	64.1
Kerla	3	126.7	113.5	89.6
Goa	1	197.4	166.1	84.1
Maharasthra	3	173.0	127.8	73.9
Karnataka	1	82.8	40.2	48.6
Gujarat	5	1566.2	1153.0	73.6
Orrisa	2	1134.0	495.6	43.7
West Bengal	1	310.5	234.0	75.4