

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

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JOINT VENTURE DIVERSIFICATION PROJECTS OF FACT

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

(a) whether the Government proposes to give clearance for the Joint Venture and diversification projects of Fertilizers and Chemicals Travancore Limited (FACT), Kerala, for improving its profitability, as recommended by M/s. Deloitte (an external agency appointed by the Committee of Secretaries (COS) to prepare a turn-around strategy and make necessary recommendations;

(b) if so, the time-frame set for its execution; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefore?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS. (SHRI SRIKANT KUMAR JENA)

(a) to (c) M/s. Deloitte had submitted its report for improving the profitability of FACT, containing several suggestions on major technical, raw material and financial issues. Besides these major issues, the report also suggested alternate use of surplus assets for generating additional resources. Based on the suggestion, FACT has considered expansion/diversification Projects which are in process of examination/ evaluation at various stages. At this stage definite time frame cannot be set for the evaluation process.