

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:51  
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NATURAL GAS BASED FERTILIZER UNITS  
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**Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether many fertilizer companies have shifted from naphtha to natural gas due to the easy availability of natural gas from KG D-6 RIL block;
- (b) if so, the details and the names of the companies;
- (c) whether such shifting to natural gas has cut the cost by 65 percent for these fertilizer plants;and
- (d) if so, the steps being taken by the Government to pass on the benefits thereon to the farmers?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (d) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement referred to in reply to parts (a) to (d) of Lok Sabha Starred Question No. 51 to be answered on 25th February 2010 regarding Natural Gas Based Fertilizer units.

(a) Yes, Madam.

(b) The following gas based units have substituted primarily the use of Naphtha in their units by Natural Gas:-

S.No. Name of the unit Contact with gas companies RIL

(MMSCMD)

1 NFL-Vijaipur-I&II 0.6000

2 CFCL-Gadepan-I&II 1.150

3 IFFCO-Aonla-I&II 1.750

4 IFFCO-Phulpur-I&II 0.250

5 TCL-Babrala 0.880

6 IGFL-Jagdishpur 0.250

7 SFC-Kota 0.620

8 KSFL-Shahjahanpur 0.978

9 KRIBHCO-Hazira 1.370

10 NFCL-Kakinada-I&II 1.549

11 RCF-Trombay-V 0.950

12 RCF-Thal 2.100

13 IFFCO-Kalol 1.273

14 GSFC-Vadodara 0.720

15 GNVFC-Baruch 0.342

Total of Gas based plants 14.782

(c) The average cost of overall production of indigenous urea has reduced by about 10% leading to a saving of subsidy of approximately Rs. 2500 crore to Government.

(d) The urea is being sold to the farmers at statutory MRP of Rs. 4830/Tonne which is substantially lower than the average cost of production of urea i.e. Rs. 12227 per tonne.