

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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CLOSURE OF FERTILIZER UNITS
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Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is a huge loss in the production of fertilizers as a result of closure of fertilizer units in the country during each of the last three years and the current year;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefore; and
- (c) the steps being taken by the Government in this regard ?

Answer

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

(a) to (c) The Production of Southern Petrochemical Industries Corporation Limited (SPIC)- Tuticorin, urea plant remained suspended since April 2007 due to non-availability of working capital. The capacity of SPIC-Tuticorin plant is 6.2 LMT. Chairman, SPIC has now intimated that the company has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between SPIC and IOC to resume supply of naphtha and Furnace Oil, SPIC Urea plant is getting ready to start production soon.