

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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PERFORMANCE OF PUBLIC SECTOR FERTILIZER PLANTS
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Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Union Government has reviewed the performance of Public Sector Fertilizer Plants during the recent past keeping in view of shortage of fertilizers in various parts of the country;
- (b) if so, the names of such plant which are running below their production capacity;
- (c) the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the steps taken by the Union Government for maximum utilization of these plants to meet the country's requirement of fertilizers ?

Answer

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

(a): Yes, Madam. The performance of all the public sector undertakings under the administrative control of Department of Fertilizers is reviewed on quarterly basis. The performance of PSUs was last reviewed during Nov 2010.

(b) & (c): All the PSUs except Brahmaputra Valley Fertilizer Corporation Limited (BVFCL) are running on 100% capacity. In respect of BVFCL the capacity utilization is 50% due to limited supply of natural gas, obsolete technology, frequent equipment failure and non-availability of original spares.

(d): The company has been advised to optimize the production and to remove bottlenecks if any. The PSUs has also been advised to prepare a maintenance schedule in order to avoid shutdown of plants.

In respect of BVFCL, an in-depth study of the plants has been conducted and based on the study, renovation/repairs have been undertaken. The Govt. has provided plan funds for carrying out the renovation/repairs. In the meantime it has been decided to examine the technical and economic feasibility for complete revamping of existing plants of the company.