

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

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AVAILABILITY OF GAS

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

- (a) whether the expansion and revival of fertilizer plants is getting hampered due to lack of gas and pipeline network;
- (b) if so, the steps being taken for active support from the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas for revival of fertilizer industry;
- (c) the quantity of gas required to expand fertilizer plants and to switch from Naphtha based plants to gas based plants; and
- (d) the steps being taken for time bound gas connectivity of the fertilizer units?

Answer

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

(a) (b) & (d): All expansion projects are on the existing pipeline network. As regards providing connectivity and availability gas for revival of FCIL/HFCL units and providing early connectivity to units getting converted from FOLSHS/ Naphtha to gas, Department of Fertilizers is in continuous follow up with Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas.

(c): The information is at Annexure.