

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

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RE OPENING OF SPIC
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Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Southern Petrochemical Industries Corporation Ltd (SPIC) has stalled its operations few years ago;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the extent to which the employees were affected;
- (c) whether the Government has re-opened/proposed to re-open the SPIC industry;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the production target fixed for the coming years; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor ?

Answer

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

- (a) Yes, Madam. SPIC Urea production was suspended from April 2007 till September 2010.
- (b) Despite non-operation of the Urea Plant, no retrenchment or lay off was declared.
- (c) SPIC has resumed production of urea from October 2010.
- (d) The plant is expected to produce six lakh MT of urea in the year 2011-12.
- (e) In view of (c) & (d) above, question does not arise.