

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

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NATIONAL PROGRAMME ON PETROCHEMICALS DEVELOPMENT
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Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a National Programme on petro chemicals development has been formulated to improve the existing petro chemical technology and research in the country;
- (b) if so, whether the programme will also help in promoting the development of new applications of polymers and plastics; and
- (c) if so, the details of the major components of the programme ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS (SHRI SRIKANT KUMAR JENA)

(a) to (c): The Government has approved the National Policy on Petrochemicals in April 2007 with the aim to increase investments and competitiveness both in the upstream and downstream sectors, encourage modernization of downstream processing units, promote research and development, develop adequate skilled manpower, etc. with an overall objective to achieve an environmentally sustainable and healthy growth of the petrochemical sector. Subsequently, the Department formulated and implemented three schemes viz. National Awards for Technology Innovations in Petrochemicals and downstream Plastic Processing Industry, Setting up of Centers of Excellence in polymer technology and Setting up of dedicated Plastic Parks to promote a cluster approach in the areas of development of plastic applications.