

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3828  
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USE OF NAPHTHA FOR MANUFACTURING UREA  
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**Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Fertilizers and Chemicals Travancore Ltd (FACT) in Kerala uses naphtha as feedstock for manufacturing urea;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether naphtha is a cost effective feedstock for manufacturing urea in comparison to gas;
- (d) if not, whether the Government has any plan to shift the FACT from naphtha to gas based urea manufacturing unit; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof including the steps taken by the Government and the time-frame fixed in this regard?

**Answer**

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

(a)& (b) : No, Madam. The production of urea by the FACT unit was stopped from the year 2003.

(c): No, Madam.

(d) & (e) : The policy for New Pricing Scheme (Stage-III) for urea manufacturing units, notified by the Government on 8th March 2007 which has been extended provisionally till further orders state that all the non-gas based plants be converted to gas based plants within a period of three years.