

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

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SETTING UP OF FERTILIZER PLANT AT NAMRUP
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Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has announced for setting up of a new grass root level fertilizer plant at Namrup in addition to the existing plants of Brahmaputra Valley Fertilizers Corporation Ltd. (BVFCL), Namrup;
- (b) if so, the status thereof;
- (c) whether any budgetary support has been sanctioned to the said project; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

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

(a) to (d): The Hon. Minister for Chemicals and Fertilizers during his visit to Namrup on 26th June, 2006, declared in a public meeting the intention of the Government to explore the feasibility of setting up of Namrup-IV unit with an annual production capacity of 8 – 9 lakh tones of urea. The revamp of Namrup Units viz Namrup – I, II & III has been completed on 22nd November, 2005. The Company has been making losses due to low energy efficiency, as the Namrup Units consume energy more than 12.7 Gcal per MT of urea as compared to other gas based units in the country which consume energy less than 6 Gcal per MT of urea. The Brahmaputra Valley Fertilizer Corporation Ltd (BVFCL) is exploring the possibility of further revamp of its Namrup units to achieve production level of 7 – 8 lakh MT per annum with an improved comparable energy efficiency or the alternative of setting up of Namrup-IV unit based on modern gas based technology. The Company has instituted a study through a process licensor to examine the current status of Namrup units and recommend the best possible alternative for the Company to sustain its future operations. No final decision has been taken in the matter as the report of the process licensor is yet to be finalized.