

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

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USE OF NATURAL GAS

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

- (a) whether several fertilizer companies have started using natural gas instead of Naphtha due to easy availability of natural gas from KGD-6RIL block;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, alongwith the names of the companies;
- (c) whether the cost of production has been reduced up to sixty five percent in these fertilizer plants due to the use of natural gas; and
- (d) if so, the steps being taken by the Government to provide its benefits to farmers?

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 (SHRI SRIKANT KUMAR JENA)

(a) to (c): Sriram Fertilizers and Chemicals Limited (SFC)-Kota has started using natural gas due to availability of gas from KG-D6 basin-RIL from May 2009 onwards. The cost of production of urea reduced to approx. 50% of SFC-Kota due to changeover of feedstock from Naphtha to Natural Gas.

(d): Urea is made available to the farmers at subsidized notified MRP which is below the actual cost of production.