

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

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CREATION OF COST EFFECTIVE PRODUCTION FACILITIES ABROAD

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

- (a) whether the Indian Farmers Fertilizer Cooperative Limited has chalked out an ambitious plan to create cost-effective production facilities abroad.
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the Memorandum of Understandings (MoUs) signed so far with each country; and
- (d) the manner in which it is likely to be beneficial for the country in the long run?

**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) & (b): As per the information available with the Department of Fertilizers, IFFCO is pursuing the strategy of promoting production facilities abroad. In this connection, IFFCO has signed an agreement with JPMC for setting up of a Joint Venture Project namely Jordan-IFFCO Company (JIFCO), for production of Phosphoric acid and sulphuric acid. The project is likely to be completed by the year 2013. IFFCO has also taken stake in the rock mines in Anne Basin in Australia and has entered into a 'Principles of Off-take Agreement' with Legend International Holdings of Australia to undertake joint mining of rock phosphate along with an assured three million MT annual off-take. However, it would take few years to start production from the project. IFFCO has also entered into a joint venture with M/s Grow Max Agri Crop, Canada for potash exploitation in Peru.

(c) : Given that IFFCO is not under administrative control of the Government of India, Department of Fertilizers is not aware of the MOU signed by IFFCO with any of the Countries so far. However, IFFCO has not signed MOUs with the respective Governments in any of the Countries mentioned in above para.

(d): The projects mentioned above may result into assured supply of the respective fertilizer / raw materials, to our Country.