

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

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SETTING UP OF COAL BASED UREA PLANTS
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Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

- (a) the total number of gas and coal based urea plants in the country at present, and the areas where the urea produced by these plants is sold, State-wise, especially in Gujarat;
- (b) whether the Union Government is contemplating to set up new coal based urea plants in the country;
- (c) if so, the details thereof, State-wise particularly in Gujarat; and
- (d) the time by which these plants are likely to be set up?

Answer

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

- (a) The total number of urea plants in the country is as below:

Urea Units No. of Units Area where urea is sold

Gas based 21 All over India

Coal based 0

Other than gas based 8 All over India

Total 29

In the context of coal based units, presently there is no urea unit in the country based on coal as feedstock. However, six urea units use coal as fuel for the purpose of generating steam/electricity. Further, the total production of these plants and sale of urea produced in these plants, State-wise is provided at Annexure.

(a) to (d) In view of the increasing gap in demand and supply of urea in the country, the Government is encouraging companies for setting up of new urea plants within the country, Towards this end, a New Pricing Policy for attracting new investments in urea sector has also been announced by the Government on 4th September, 2008. Coal gas and Coal based methane has been recognized as a feed stock for production of urea in the country. However, the decision regarding setting up of a new unit/plant in the country will entirely be dependent upon the assessment of the investor who may be willing to invest in this sector in view of the emerging demand production gap and the attractive investment policy. There is no proposal to set up a new Coal based Urea plant in the Country directly by the Union Government.