

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

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CHANGE AMENDMENTS IN NATIONAL POLICY ON PETROCHEMICALS

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

- (a) whether the Government has any proposal to change/make amendments in the `National Policy on Petrochemicals` which was approved in April 2007;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) if not, the reason therefor;
- (d) whether this Policy is achieving the desired target; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS (SHRI SRIKANT KUMAR JENA)

(a) No, sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No change / amendment is envisaged because the policy formed after intensive stakeholder consultations is already under implementation.

(d) & (e) In pursuance of National Policy on Petrochemicals, the Department of Chemicals and Petrochemicals has taken up implementation of the following 3 schemes.

i) Scheme of National Awards for Technology Innovations in Petrochemicals and downstream Plastic Processing Industry - The aim is to incentivize meritorious innovations and inventions in the field of Petrochemicals and downstream Plastic Processing Industry. The National Awards for the year 2010-11 were distributed on 28th Nov. 2011 and the National Award for the year 2011-12 were distributed on 26th April, 2012.

ii) Setting up of Centres of Excellence - It aims at improving the existing petrochemical technology and research in the country. In the year 2010-11, CIPET, Chennai and National Chemical Laboratory, Pune have been identified for setting up of Centers of Excellence. These two Centres of Excellence have already started research activities in their respective fields.

iii) Setting up of Plastic Parks - The scheme has been formulated in the year 2010-11 with the aim of setting up need based plastic parks with requisite state of the art infrastructure and enabling common facilities to assist the sector to move up the value chain and contribute to the economy effectively. The Scheme Steering Committee in its First meeting held on 24.02.2012 granted `in principle` approval for setting up of four plastic parks in the states of Tamil Nadu, Madhya Pradesh, Assam and Odisha. The Policy is achieving the desired targets.