

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

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REQUIREMENT OF NATURAL GAS
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Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

- (a) the quantity of natural gas required by the fertilizer industry to run the existing units, make available for future expansion of the existing units, convert the naphtha/FO/LSHS based units and to revive the closed units in the country;
- (b) the estimated year-wise and plant wise requirement of gas by the fertilizer industry during 2012-13, 2013-14 and 2014-15;
- (c) the expected year of connectivity of gas pipelines to FO/LSHS/naphtha based and closed fertilizer units; and
- (d) the manner in which the requirement of natural gas by the fertilizer industry in the country in the said years be met and from which sources?

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) : The quantity of natural gas required by fertilizer industry to run the existing units, make available for expansion of the existing units, convert the Naphtha/FO/LSHS based units and reviving the closed units in the country is 46.9 MMSCMD, 19.2 MMSCMD (approximately 8 units), 9.93 MMSCMD and 17.6 MMSCMD respectively.
- (b): The additional estimated year-wise and plant wise requirement of gas for conversion of Naphtha/FO/LSHS based units and one green field project during 2012-13, 2013-14 and 2014-15 is Annexed. The requirement for gas for expansion and revival project would come during the year 2016-17.
- (c): There are four FO/LSHS plants, namely Nangal, Bhatinda and Panipat units of National Fertilizers Limited and Bharuch unit of Gujarat Narmada Valley Fertilizers Corporation Ltd. These four plants are already connected to gas pipelines. There are five Naphtha based units, namely Madras Fertilizers Limited-Chennai, SPIC-Tuticorin, Mangalore Chemicals and Fertilizers Limited, New Mangalore, Zuari Industries Limited, Goa, Kanpur Fertilizers & Cement Limited, Kanpur (presently closed). Gas pipeline to all these plants would be laid by end of year 2013-14.
- (d) : The issue of revival of these eight closed units is in BIFR. The requirement of gas for revival of these closed units will be projected to the Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas only after finalisation of case in BIFR and accordingly, Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas will take an action for laying of pipelines for the supply of gas to these units.