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

(a) whether the public sector fertilizer companies in the country are manufacturing fertilizers upto their installed capacity;

(b) if so, whether any expansion have been envisaged to overcome the shortages;

(c) if not, the details of the companies are working below their capacity;

(d) the reasons for working below capacity;and

(e) the steps being taken by the Government in this regard ?

Answer

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

(a) & (c): All Public Sector fertilizer companies in the country are manufacturing fertilizers up to their installed capacity except Brahmaputra Valley Fertilizer Corporation Limited (BVFCL) & Madras Fertilizers Ltd. (MFL). The details are in Annexure - A

(b): Expansion has been envisaged to overcome the shortages in various Public Sector undertaking like Rashtriya Chemicals & Fertilizers Ltd. (RCF), Fertilizer & Chemical Travancore Ltd. (FACT), Brahmaputra Valley Fertilizer Corporation Limited (BVFCL).

(d): Namrup-II and Namrup-III plants of Brahmaputra Valley Fertilizer Corporation Limited (BVFCL) are based on old and vintage technology. In case of Madras Fertilizers Ltd. (MFL) the production is low due to non −availability of raw material on continuous basis.

(e): BVFCL has proposed for a new brown field ammonia urea plant of larger capacity with state-of −art technology at most energy efficiency at Namrup site. Agreeing in principle to the proposal, Department of Fertilizers has given clearance to appoint a consultant to evaluate the available options and recommend to most suitable one. In case of Madras Fertilizers Ltd. (MFL) Government of India has only extended financial support through capital plan scheme in order to sustain the fertilizer production