

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

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PRODUCTION CAPACITY OF GAS BASED FERTILIZER PLANTS
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Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

- (a) the average production capacity of gas based fertilizer plants in the country including Maharashtra, State/UT-wise;
- (b) the quantum of gas required for full capacity utilization by these plants;
- (c) the quantum of Regenerated Liquefied Natural Gas (RLNG) and Natural Gas made available to these plants;
- (d) whether the production capacity of the gas based fertilizer plants is underutilized due to inadequate availability of gas on a long-term basis; and
- (e) if so, the steps taken by the Government for improving the utilization capacity of these plants?

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) to (d) A statement is attached.

(e) Except BVFCL-II & III units, all the gas based units have operated at more than 100% capacity utilization. During the year 2011-12, KRIBHCO could not achieve full capacity utilization as it undertook revamp modifications of its urea unit and took long shut down period.