

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

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

- (a) whether the Government is actively considering to revive Durgapur, West Bengal Unit of the Hindustan Fertilizer Corporation Ltd. (HFCL);
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government is also considering to produce Ammonia and Urea from this unit.;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the steps taken by the Government to allocate the Gas recently found in adjoining Birbhum district for the use of this Fertilizer plant?

Answer

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

(a) to (e): The Government has decided to explore the feasibility of revival of the closed public sector fertilizer units of HFCL and FCIL including the Durgapur Unit of HFCL subject to assured availability of natural gas, to meet the emerging demand production gap of urea in the country. The Government has constituted an Empowered Committee of Secretaries (ECOS) with the mandate to evaluate all investment options for revival of the closed units of FCIL/HFCL and to make suitable recommendations for consideration of the Government. ECOS has already considered various possible investment options for revival of each of the closed units and have finalized its recommendations regarding the suitable financing option. The recommendations of ECOS are under consideration of the Government. The Government is considering to revive the brown field project of Durgapur Unit of HFCL to produce Ammonia and Urea. As Regard availability of gas, the Empowered Group of Ministers (EGOM) has accorded highest priority for allocation of natural gas to the closed fertilizer units as and when they are ready to utilize the gas.