

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

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SETTING UP OF FERTILIZER UNITS

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

- (a) whether the setting up of new and expanding existing fertilizers units have been stuck;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) the number of proposals for setting up of new fertilizer units are pending for clearance;
- (d) whether his Ministry has urged the Government to supply long term natural gas for new fertilizer units;
- (e) if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) the action taken by the Government in this regard ?

**Answer**

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

a) & (b): Six Companies viz. IFFCO, KRIBHCO, rASHTRIYA Chemicals and Fertilizers Limited, INDO-GULF Fertilizers Limited, TATA Chemicals Limited and Chambal Fertilizers and Chemicals Limited have requested for firm availability of gas for taking final investment decision to undertake expansion of their existing units.

(c) : No clearance of Government is required for setting up of a fertilizers unit by any company.

(d) to (f): The issue has been taken up with the Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas. The Empowered Group of Minister (EGOM) in its 65 meeting held on 27.10.2009 considered the demand of natural gas for expansion and revamp of fertilizer plants and revival of closed fertilizers plants and decided that they would be supplied natural gas as and when they are ready to utilize the gas.