GOVERNMENT OF INDIA CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS LOK SABHA

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PRODUCTION CAPACITY OF UREA PLANTS IN PRIVATE SECTOR
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Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

- (a) the annual production capacity of urea plants in the private sector in comparison to those in the public sector, as on date, plantwise:
- (b) whether the production capacity of these plants is in line with target fixed;
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the steps taken by the Government to achieve the target fixed for the purpose?

Answer

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

- (a): As against the total installed capacity of 20.03 million MT, the total production of urea is 22.58 million MT. The annual production capacity of urea plants in the private, cooperative and public sector, as on date, plant-wise is Annexed.
- (b) & (c): The following companies have produced urea below the reassessed capacity for the reasons mentioned against it:
- (i) BVFCL Namrup-II and BVFCL Namrup-III: Because of frequent breakdown due to power failure and shortage of gas supply.
- (ii) NFL Nangal, NFL Panipat, NFL Bhatinda: Because of shut down taken on account of completion of conversion project from FO/LSHS to gas as feedstock.
- (iii) SPIC: Because of stoppage of supply of Naphtha by IOC due to financial reasons.
- (iv) MFL: The scheduled annual shutdown for year 2013-14 was taken during 2012-13 due to equipment problem causing environment concern.
- (v) ZACL: Because of shut down due to conversion from Naphtha to Gas and labour problem in their bagging plant.
- (d): All the Naphtha based urea units have been advised to convert to gas by December, 2013.