GOVERNMENT OF INDIA CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2468 ANSWERED ON:04.08.2015 Neem Coated Urea Rao Shri Konakalla Narayana

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that KRIBHCO has developed neem coated urea by mixing of neem oil in urea;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has supplied neem coated urea during Kharif and Rabi seasons 2015-16 to all the States and if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise;
- (d) the cost impact on farmers due to use of neem coated urea;
- (e) whether all the fertilizer manufacturing units are equipped/upgraded/modified to produce neem coated urea; and
- (f) the details thereof, State/UT-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI HANSRAJ GANGARAM AHIR)

(a) & (b): All the Urea manufacturing units in India, including KRIBHCO, are producing Neem Coated Urea by applying a coating of neem oil to normal urea. The details of production of Normal Urea and Neem Coated Urea at Kribhco - Hazira from April 2015 to July 2015 is as below:

('000' MT)

Month Normal Urea Neem Coated Urea Total Urea % of Neem Coated Urea

April – 2015 60.7 85.4 146.1 58.5

May 2015 45.2 148.9 194.1 76.7

June, 2015 72.0 118.7 190.7 62.2

July, 2015 0.0 205.8 205.8 100.0

- (c): The details regarding state-wise movement of Neem Coated Urea during Kharif 2015 (April to July 2015) is annexed.
- (d): At present, the Maximum Retail Price (MRP) of urea is Rs. 5360 per MT (exclusive of 1% central excise duty, central sales tax, countervailing duty, the sales tax and other local taxes wherever levied) w.e.f. 01st November, 2012. An extra MRP of 5% (of Rs. 5360 per MT) is charged by the fertilizer manufacturing entities on Neem Coated Urea.
- (e) & (f): Yes, Madam. All urea manufacturing units are equipped/ upgraded/ modified to produce Neem Coated Urea except BVFCL Namrup II, Assam where the installation of facilities for production of Neem Coated Urea is yet to be done.
