

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

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

- (a) whether the Government is aware that the plant of Indian Drugs & Pharmaceuticals Limited (IDPL) situated at Muzzafarpur in Bihar has been lying closed for the last several years;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reason therefor;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to revive the said plant;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the time by which the said plant is likely to be made functional; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI NIHAL CHAND):

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. Indian Drugs & Pharmaceuticals Ltd. (IDPL) is having its subsidiary Bihar Drugs & Organic Chemicals Ltd. (BDOCL) which has a plant at Muzzafarpur. This plant is lying closed since 1997 due to various reasons. Some of the reasons were: market for its products could not be developed, process of manufacture of Niacin and Niacinamide became obsolete due to availability of cheaper routes i.e. Bete-Picoline or Cynopyridine, adopted by private companies, the only saleable product i.e. Acetic Acid had to face tough competition and higher capacities of the utilities and services at the plant led to higher overhead/utility cost for products manufactured.

(c), (d) & (e): No specific proposal is presently under consideration of Government of India.