

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

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. MODERNISATION OF HOCL AND HIL  
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**Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government proposes to revive/strengthen the Hindustan Organic Chemicals Limited (HOCL), Cochin in Kerala to improve their operation;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Government also proposes to undertake projects for modernisation and expansion of Hindustan Insecticides Limited (HIL), Cochin in Kerala; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

**Answer**

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

- a) & b) M/s FACT Engineering & Design Organisation (FEDO) has been engaged for preparing a revival study report of HOCL.
- c) & d) An amount of Rs.15 crore has been allocated as Plan Loan in BE 2014-15 for HIL to manufacture Pendimethalin at Kochi Unit. Pendimethalin is a herbicide used in pre-mergence and post-mergence applications to control annual grasses and certain broadleaf weeds.