

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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SELF SUFFICIENCY IN PRODUCTION OF FERTILIZERS

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

(a) whether the Government has laid a roadmap for achieving self-sufficiency in the production of the fertilizers by reviving defunct fertilizer units in various parts of the country and establishing new units along the route of the Natural Gas Grid;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government is contemplating to come out with a fertilizer policy which would spell out the measures for the regulated use of fertilizers and promoting the use of the bio-fertilizer and micro nutrients; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR)

(a) & (b): Yes, Madam. So far as revival of defunct fertilizer units is concerned, the details are placed at Annexure-I.

So far as establishment of new projects is concerned, as of now, Department of Fertilizers has received eleven Brownfield/Greenfield/Revamp proposals/projects, the details of which are placed at Annexure-II.

(c) & (d): Indigenous manufactures/producers of urea are allowed to produce fortified/coated urea upto a maximum of 35% of the total production of urea and to sell all the FCO approved fortified/coated urea at a price upto 5% above the MRP of the urea. For Zincated urea, the manufactures are allowed to charge upto 10% above MRP of urea.

Under Soil Health Management (SHM) component of National Mission for Sustainable Agriculture (NMSA) use of bio-fertilizers and micro-nutrients is promoted under the following components:

(i) Promotion & Distribution of micro-nutrients – Finance assistance for micro-nutrients is provided @ 50% of cost subject to a limit for Rs. 500/ha.

(ii) Setting up of State of Art liquid/carrier based bio-fertilizer/bio-pesticides units – Financial assistance is provided for setting up liquid/carrier based bio-fertilizer/bio-pesticides units @ 100% assistance to State Governments/Govt. agencies upto a maximum limit of Rs. 160 lakh/unit and 25% of cost limited to Rs. 40 lakh/unit for individuals/private agencies through NABARD as capital investment of 200 Tonnes Per Annum (TPA) production capacity.

(iii) Promotion of organic inputs on farmers field – financial assistance for promotion of organic inputs (including bio – fertilizers) is provided @ 50% of cost subject to a limit of Rs. 5000/ha.