

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:303
ANSWERED ON:25.11.2014
PRODUCTION OF UREA BY MFL MCFL
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Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is true that the Madras Fertilizers Limited (MFL), Chennai has stopped its production recently;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor and the corrective measures being taken to safeguard the welfare of its employees;
- (c) whether the Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) has approved the continuation of production of urea from MFL, Chennai and Mangalore Chemicals and Fertilizers Ltd (MCFL), Mangalore and Southern Petrochemical Industries Corporation (SPIC), Tuticorin after June, 2014 by using existing feedstock of naphtha;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the extent to which it will help in meeting the requirement of urea for Indian farmers in kharif and rabi seasons during the current year;

Answer

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

- (a) & (b) : Yes, Madam. Madras Fertilizers Limited (MFL) had stopped its production w.e.f 08.10.2014, because the Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) in its meeting held on 27th August, 2014 had decided to continue urea production from Naphtha based urea units viz., Madras Fertilizers limited (MFL), Mangalore Chemicals & Fertilizers Limited (MCFL) & Southern Petrochemicals Industries Corporation (SPIC) upto 30th September, 2014. However, Department of Fertilizers is in the process of placing a note before CCEA for consideration proposing to allow operation of these plants for a further period of 6 months from the date of notification in order to ensure timely and adequate availability of urea during the ensuing Rabi season.
- (c) & (d): Yes, Madam. The CCEA in its meeting held on 27th August, 2014 had decided to continue urea production from Naphtha based urea units viz., MFL, MCFL & SPIC beyond 30th June, 2014 upto 30th September, 2014.
- (e) :The details of actual production of three Naphtha based urea units during the Kharif season, 2014 is annexed.