

**Title:** Need to revamp urea manufacturing unit at Durgapur, West Bengal.

SHRI SUNIL KHAN (DURGAPUR): Sir, regarding availability of LNG in the State of West Bengal, a meeting was arranged by WBIDC (West Bengal Industrial Development Corporation) where the representatives of Vavasi Oil and Gas Pvt. Ltd., India, Al Manhal International Company, UAE, were persuaded by the Government of West Bengal to reroute their proposed gas line from Gopalpur to Allahabad via Durgapur. Durgapur plant, as you know, is shut down since June, 1997 due to higher cost of production mainly because of high cost Naptha used in this unit as feed stock. The recently submitted revival proposal of Rs.399 crore ensuring a production of 3 LMTPA prepared jointly by the unit management, Officers' Association and CITU has dealt elaborately with the provision of dual feed options too. The project is still new and under the consideration of the Government. Further since, LNG will now be available at the doorsteps of HFCL, Durgapur unit by January, 2004, it is high time to set up a Brown Field Project of at least 7.26 LMPTA urea manufacturing complex in addition to the revamping the older unit.

I urge upon the Union Government to revamp the unit immediately so that the requirement of urea of more than 10 lakh tonnes for the State of West Bengal can be met up, to some extent, and the employees of that unit are benefited.