

Title: Need to revamp Durgapur unit to Hindustan Fertilizers Corporation Limited.

Shri SUNIL KHAN (DURGAPUR) : 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 persuaded by the Govt. 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 crores ensuring a production of 3 LMTPA prepared jointly by the unit management, officers, Association and CITU have dealt elaborately on the provision of dual feed options too. The Project is still under the consideration of the Government LNG will now be available at doorsteps of HFCL, Durgapur unit by January, 2004, it is high time to set up a Brown Filed Project of at least 7.26 LMPTA urea manufacturing complex.

I urge upon the Union Government to revamp HFCL, Durgapur unit immediately so that the requirement of urea more than 10 lakh tonnes for the State of West Bengal can be met to some extent and the employee of that unit may also get benefited.