

Title: Regarding bifurcation of Namrup Unit of the Hindustan Fertilizers Corporation and provide loan to complete the remaining work early.

SHRI PABAN SINGH GHATOWAR (DIBRUGARH): Sir, the Namrup unit of the Hindustan Fertiliser Corporation is the only factory in the North Eastern Region. Some time back it has become sick. Considering the backwardness of the Region, the Central Government has approved the revamping package for the Namrup unit of the Hindustan Fertiliser Corporation in 1997 with a total investment of Rs. 350 crore, which was later revised to Rs. 510 crore. Despite the

recommendation of the Expert Committee, the public demand and also the recommendation of the Standing Committee on Petroleum and Chemicals, the Government has taken a very long time to decide about the bifurcation of this unit from the Hindustan Fertiliser Corporation. Lately the Government has taken a decision. I am thankful to the Government that they have taken the bifurcation decision. It is better late than never.

Sir, due to this delay, this factory has suffered for a long time. Now, the Government has to take immediate steps. The wage revision of the employees of this organisation has not been revised from 1.1.1992. They are drawing a very nominal salary and passing their days with great hardship. There is also a ban on recruitment in the factory from 1997. The factory is finding it difficult to mobilise the term loan. The Government has to take immediate steps in all these matters.

In view of all these, I strongly urge upon the Government to advise the consortium of the financial institutions to arrange the term loan of Rs. 250 crore to this factory at the earliest so that the remaining work would be taken up early.

Sir, more funds should be provided to the Namrup unit in order to make it a modern fertiliser factory. This will be a very positive step towards the industrialisation of this most backward region.

SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV (SILCHAR): Sir, I associate with him.

MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER: Shri Sontosh Mohan Dev, you are allowed to associate with him.

Now, Dr. V. Saroja....(*Interruptions*)

श्री महेश्वर सिंह (मंडी) : उपाध्यक्ष महोदय, हमने कई बार नोटिस दिया है लेकिन हमें एक बार भी बोलने का मौका नहीं मिला।

MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER: If you sit along with me, you will get a chance to speak. If you want to make your mention just now and go out, you will not get a chance....(*Interruptions*)