

Title: Need for setting up of new Urea Manufacturing plants at Bharuni, Sindhri, Talcher and Durgapur.

SHRI SUNIL KHAN (DURGAPUR): Sir, owing to the closure of the four units of FCI and HFCL, in the four States of Bihar, Jharkhand, Orissa and West Bengal, there is a serious shortage of urea in these four States. I rise here to highlight the issue of deprivation of nitrogenous fertilizers to the farmers of these four States in Eastern India. The requirement of nitrogenous fertilizers in Eastern India is to the tune of 1.2 million tonnes. But due to the closure of these four units of FCI and HFCL, there has been a serious shortage of fertilizers in this part of our country.

I would like to demand from the Central Government to start these existing plants in the four States so that urea could be made available to our farmers. It is because the fertilizer requirements of these four States are now being met through imports. So, I again demand the Government to establish the four units which are closed in different States of India.