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Title: Need to revive the Ramagundam Fertilizer Factory in Karim Nagar District of Andhra Pradesh.

SHRI PONNAM PRABHAKAR (KARIMNAGAR): I would like to draw the kind attention of the august House towards the need for revival of Fertilizer Corporation of India Unit in Ramagundam, Karim Nagar district, Andhra Pradesh, which falls in my Constituency.

During the last four consecutive years in Andhra Pradesh, the area under cultivation has increased many-fold and accordingly, the fertilizer consumption has increased from 36.30 Lakh Metric Tonnes (LMTs) during 2002-2003 to 62.14 LMTs during 2008-09. Consequently, the consumption of urea has increased from 17.55 LMTs in 2003-04 to 27.4 LMTs during 2008-09.

The Government of Andhra Pradesh is implementing the prestigious "Jala Yagnam" - a massive and a unique programme in the country with the aim to bring every acre of area under irrigation. So, keeping in view the current increasing trend of fertilizer consumption in Andhra Pradesh and for "Jala Yagnam" programmes, the fertilizer consumption is expected to be increased manifold in the coming years in Andhra Pradesh.

Hence, I request the concerned hon. Minister that there is an urgent need to revive the Ramagundam Fertilizer Factory in Karim Nagar district to meet the increasing future fertilizer requirements of the farmers in Andhra Pradesh.

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