

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
STEEL
LOK SABHA**

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PRODUCTION OF FERTILIZERS BY SAIL
RATILAL KALIDAS VARMA

Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

- (a) the quantity of Ammonium Sulphate and Calcium Ammonium Nitrate produced and sold by Steel Authority of India Ltd. during 1999-2000;
- (b) the profit and loss incurred in each fertilizer; and
- (c) the steps taken or proposed to be taken to make them profitable?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR STEEL (SHRI BRAJA KISHORE TRIPATHY)

(a) & (b): The quantities of Ammonium Sulphate and Calcium Ammonium Nitrate produced and sold by Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL) during 1999-2000 and the losses incurred thereon are given below :

Sl.No.	Name of Product	Production (in tonnes)	Sales (Prov.) (Rs.Crores)	Loss
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1.	Ammonium Sulphate	87926	84386	35
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2.	Calcium Ammonium Nitrate	36113	38120	18
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(c) The following steps are being taken by SAIL to improve the performance of their Fertilizer and Ammonium Sulphate units :

(i) Intensive cost control drive which has resulted in improvement in key techno-economic parameters viz.:

- improvement in yield and reduced consumption of Sulphuric Acid in the production of Ammonium Sulphate`.
- reduction in specific consumption of Naptha in Rourkela Fertilizer Plant.

(ii) Inventory reduction; and

(iii) reduction of staff in 1998 and 1999.