

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
LOK SABHA**

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OIL BASED FERTILIZER PLANTS
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Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of Oil based plants making fertilizer in India and abroad as on April 1, 2004;
- (b) whether fertilizer plant at Nangal based on fuel oil is still working;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the Fertilizer unit at Sindri following the same design and based on fuel oil has been closed;
- (e) if so, the reason therefor;
- (f) whether there is any report of any Committee suggesting closure of Sindri fertilizer plant;
- (g) if so, the details thereof; and
- (h) if not, the justification of closure of the Sindri unit?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS & MINISTER OF STEEL (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN)

- (a): There are four fuel oil based fertilizer plants in the country. The details of such plants in other countries are not maintained in the Ministry.
- (b) & (c) : Yes, Sir. The Nangal expansion plant of National Fertilizers Limited with an annual installed capacity of 2.97 lakh MT of ammonia and 3.30 lakh MT of urea is in operation since 1979. The capacity of urea was enhanced to 4.785 lakh MT in 2001.
- (d) to (h) : Yes, Sir. The techno-economic viability of running the Sindri Unit of Fertilizer Corporation of India was examined and as it was not found viable, the Government decided to close the unit.