

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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PRODUCTION OF FERTILIZERS IN ELEVENTH FIVE YEAR PLAN

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Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has fixed any target for the Eleventh Five Year Plan (FYP) to increase the production of chemical fertilizers;
- (b) if so, the details of the target fixed;
- (c) whether any assessment has made in respect of the capital investment required to achieve this target; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI B.K. HANDIQUE)

(a) to (d): No target for increased production of chemical fertilizers has been set for the Eleventh Five Year Plan. However, the Working Group on Fertilizers for Eleventh Plan has projected a requirement of 287.55 lakh metric tonne (LMT) of Urea, 95.10 LMT of Di-Ammonium Phosphate (DAP) and 37.40 LMT of Muriate of Potash (MOP) by 2011-12. The total installed operational capacity for production of Urea and DAP in the country is 197.01 LMT and 72.99 LMT respectively.

No production capacity of MOP is expected to be set up in Eleventh Plan as there are no economically exploitable reserves of potash in the country. The production of phosphatic fertilizers in the country is dependent upon availability and price of raw materials/intermediates in the international market. Hence additional capacity creation for production of DAP cannot be anticipated definitely.

The additional production capacity of Urea in the country during the Eleventh Plan is expected to come through revival of closed units of Fertilizer Corporation of India Ltd. and Hindustan Fertilizer Corporation Ltd., setting up of brownfield & greenfield projects, and capacity addition through revamp of existing units. Though, no definite estimate of total required investment is possible at present, it is estimated that a 1 million tonne production capacity plant of urea will cost approximately Rs.3500 crore.