

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

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INVESTMENT IN CLOSED/SICK FERTILIZER UNITS

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to invite foreign firms to invest in the closed/sick fertilizer units in order to revive the them;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the details of foreign firms who have shown interest in reviving the closed/sick fertilizer units;
- (d) the estimated scrap value of machineries and equipments lying in each of the closed units of Hindustan Fertilizers Corporation Ltd. and Fertilizer Corporation of India Ltd. alongwith the estimated present value of land possessed by each of the closed units;
- (e) whether the Government is contemplating gainful utilization of the said land and machinery lying idle since many years;
- (f) if so, the details thereof;
- (g) the details of schemes introduced to utilize the labourers/employees in the sick/closed fertilizer units; and
- (h) the amount being paid to them annually by these units ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS (SHRI SRIKANT KUMAR JENA)

(a): At present, there is no such proposal under consideration of the Government.

(b)& (c): Do not arise.

(d): The details of estimated scrap value of machinery and equipments of the closed units of the Hindustan Fertilizer Corporation Limited(HFCL) and Fertilizer Corporation of India Limited(FCIL) along with the estimated land value as estimated by Project & Development India Limited(PDIL), a premier fertilizer consultancy organization are as under:-

ASSET VALUATION (Rs. Crore)

ITEMS FCIL HFCL

Rama- Gorakh- Talcher Sindri Durga Bara Haldia
gundam pur -pur -uni

Land 120.45 367.70 143.21 554.65 192.99 128.37 236.69

Usable Items 28.78 13.68 31.87 29.66 26.78 20.08 #

Other items 10.13 8.11 10.00 42.25

Non-usable items 73.19 42.42 74.74 143.45 39.84 37.89 37.55

Total Value 232.55 431.91 259.82 770.01 259.61 186.34 274.24

Rs 12 cr to be added in case a fertilizer plant is set up using the existing assets

(e) & (f): Yes, Madam. Setting up of new urea plants of minimum 1.15 million ton per annum capacity at each of the 08 closed units of HFCL and FCIL is part of the revival plan.

(g) & (h): Majority of the employees of HFCL and FCIL have already been released under Voluntary Separation Scheme (VSS). HFCL now has only 20 employees on its roll and the amount being paid to them is around Rs. 1.00 crore annum. Similarly, FCIL has 27 employees with total annual expenditure on them being Rs 1.65 crore.