

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
DEPARTMENT OF FERTILIZERS

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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO 1783 TO BE ANSWERED ON: 02.08.2022

Shortage of fertilizers

1783: SHRI DEREK O' BRIEN:

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

- (a) the steps being taken against hoarding and black marketing of fertilizers owing to the current shortage; and
- (b) the steps being taken to increase the domestic production of fertilizers?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
(SHRI BHAGWANTH KHUBA)

(a): There is adequate availability of fertilizers in the country. Further, Fertilizers are declared as essential commodity under Essential Commodities Act, 1955 (EC Act) and a strong enforcement mechanism is in place under Fertilizer Control and Movement orders (FCO&FMO) to stop any possible diversion of fertilizers. State Governments are adequately empowered under the act to take punitive action against any person violating its provisions and involved in hoarding, diversion etc.

(b): Government of India has mandated the revival of Ramagundam (Telangana), Gorakhpur (UP), Sindri (Jharkhand) and Talcher (Odisha) units of Fertilizer Corporation of India (FCIL) and Barauni (Bihar) Unit of Hindustan Fertilizer Corporation Ltd (HFCL) through Joint Venture Company (JVC) of nominated PSUs by setting up new ammonia-urea plants of 12.7 LMTPA capacity each. Ramagundam and Gorakhpur plant have already been commissioned.

Further, a new Urea plant of 8.646 LMTPA capacity in the existing premises of BVFCL, Assam has been approved.
