



ब्रह्मपुत्र वैली फर्टिलाइजर कॉर्पोरेशन लिमिटेड नामरूप

Brahmaputra Valley Fertilizer Corporation Limited

(A Government of India Undertaking)

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Sub: Reply to Rajya Sabha provisionally Admitted Question Diary No.S313, S382 & U348 for answer on 07.02.2019 regarding technological gap in Public Sector Enterprises – reg.

Ref: OM vide No. DPE/6(178)/2019-Fin dated 31.01.2019.

Sir,

With reference to the above, pointwise reply to Rajya Sabha provisionally Admitted Question Diary No. S313, S382 & U348 are given below:

(a) whether some of the Public Sector enterprises are suffering from technological gap;

Reply: As far as BVFCL Namrup is concerned, it is having two old units inherited from FCIL/HFCL. Both of these plants are presently in operation, which are based on old and obsolete technology and machineries and they have surpassed their effective life. Because of the unproven technology and much smaller production capacity, there is a huge technological gap compared to present day standard size plants and these plants can no more be run in cost effective manner. However, the company has been able to earn marginal net profit during the last three years i.e. 2015-16, 2016-17 and 2017-18. In view of ageing and being obsolete, the existing plants are required to be replaced with a new generation energy efficient higher capacity plant.

(b) if so, the details of those enterprises;

Reply: As stated above

(c) what concrete steps the government is taking to adopt upto date technologies in their production system leading to low cost and high yield.

Reply: the Union Cabinet had approved vide its meeting dated 21.05.2015 the proposal to set-up a 8.646 LMTPA Urea production capacity new plant through PPP route by forming a Joint Venture, where allotment of 52% equity of the proposed JV was to be finalized through competitive bidding. However, it could not be materialized because of no response received from the bidders. Subsequently, DoF has taken an initiative to set-up a 12.70 LMTPA plant forming a Joint Venture of CPSEs and Govt. of Assam through Nomination Route. Cabinet Note is now under process at Dept. of Fertilizer for obtaining formal approval for JV formation.

Regards.

Yours faithfully,

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