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BCIC provided 23 lakh tonnes of fertilizers last season

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State-run Bangladesh Chemical Industries Corporation (BCIC) succeeded in providing farmers with fertilisers so the farmers witnessed bumper harvest last season (Dec-Mar). BCIC provided some 23 lakh tonnes of fertilisers as per the demand of the farmers across the country. BCIC accomplished such a difficult task of distributing that huge amount of fertiliser to farmers with its 5300 dealers and 45000 retailers all over the country. Though the technical tenure of the country's fertiliser factories had expired long ago, thanks to the skilled employees of the BCIC, the factories continued their productions. In order to increase its production, the BCIC stopped the operation of Natural Gas Fertiliser Factory Ltd (NGFFL) in Fenchuganj of Sylhet and it was replaced with Shahjalal Fertiliser Company Ltd (SFCL). The new factory, which is environment-friendly and power-saving, has a capacity of producing around 6 lakh tons of fertiliser in a year. The BCIC has established the SFCL in place of NGFFL at the cost of Tk 874 crore on some 417 acres of land. Besides, the state-own organisation has also undertaken a plan to modernise the Ghorashal and Polash Urea fertiliser factories. Ghorashal Fertilisers, which was established in 1970, could produce nearly 5 lakh tons of urea in a year, but now it can produce only half of the amount. On the other hand, Polash Urea Factory, which was established in 1985, can produce only 80,000 tons of urea each year. As a result, BCIC has undertaken a project, namely Ghorashal-Polash Urea Fertiliser Project, in place of the two aforesaid factories. The new factory will produce over 9 lakh tons of urea and 5 lakh tons of ammonia fertiliser when it will go on production. Chittagong Urea Fertiliser Ltd (CUFL), which can produce more than 3 lakh tons of urea, has been inoperative for technical errors and it will soon go on production. Jamuna Fertiliser Company has been producing 4 lakh tons and Ashuganj Fertiliser Chemical Company producing over 3.5 lakh tons of fertiliser every year. Besides urea fertiliser, BCIC has also a TSP factory and a DAP factory to produce fertiliser. BCIC Chairman Mohammad Iqbal said there are six fertiliser factories under BCIC and it has undertaken initiatives to modernise them with state-of-the-art technologies.