

Valedictory Session

VOTE OF THANKS

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GOOD EVENING, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN. Most of the difficult work has been done by others. So, I have the easier and more pleasant part of the work to thank all of you and all those behind organizing this event.

Well, we are in the concluding stage and let us hope that we have sown the seeds of the revival of Indian agriculture and that it will get to grow at about 4 per cent during the next 5 years, that is, the 11th Plan.

From the presentations it is clear that the Indian Fertiliser Industry is in a position to facilitate the revival of agriculture, provided the policies both for fertilisers and feedstocks are correct.

An event of this size cannot be successful without the full support and active involvement and cooperation of a large number of people, in particular, the delegates from both within the country and outside, whose presence gives us encouragement. We have a record number of presence this year and hope to better it in the next year

with your approval, consent and cooperation.

In particular, I would like to thank Mr. Luc Maene, a part of the international arena for his presence throughout and encouragement. I have enjoyed talking to him and learning a lot from him. I consider him as a guiding light as far as FAI activities go and my role in FAI.

The quality of presentation is vital so that the delegates feel it is worth it in terms of time and expense to spend three days together. We were fortunate to have excellent presentations. Thanks to the willingness of eminent speakers (it does not include me, by the way) in their fields to spare time and prepare their papers. It has always been very difficult to get speakers because though there are quite a few people who are extremely knowledgeable only some have been able to find time for us from their busy schedule. We are very lucky that we got extremely good speakers this year. They did full justice to the papers they chose to speak on.

The arrangements both behind the scenes and in the venue could not have been made possible without the untiring and unstinted cooperation of the staff of FAI. The staff of FAI did an excellent job. My thanks go to them. We are particularly grateful to the management and staff of Hotel Ashok for making excellent arrangements and the quality and variety of food in the last three days.

We are happy to say that we are holding the FAI Annual Seminar 2007 also here in December 2007. We are also thankful to the media for covering the event in their respective ways. Thank you very much for being with us. It has been a great experience and a very pleasant one. We look forward to do better the next year.

Thank you.