

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:7169
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CUT IN SUBSIDY ON UREA DAP MOP AND SSP
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Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government have made a cut in subsidy on Urea, DAP, MOP and SSP;
- (b) if so, whether the Government have received any representations from the farmers to withdraw this cut;
- (c) if so, the details hereof;
- (d) whether the Ministry of Agriculture has also requested the Government to rethink over its decisions; and
- (e) if so, the decision of the Government in the matter?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI S. B. MOOKHERJEE)

(a) to (e): The prices of urea, DAP and MOP have been increased by 5% as part of the budgetary exercise for 2002-03. Representations have been received seeking withdrawal of hike in price of fertilizers. However, such requests were not accepted in view of the fiscal sustainability of the Government.