

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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IMPACT OF US-IRAQ WAR ON PRICES OF CHEMICAL FERTILIZERS  
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**Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:**

- (a) Whether the prices of chemical fertilizers have gone up in the international market after the start of the US-Iraq War;
- (b) If so, the names of chemical fertilizers and pre-war and post-war prices thereof; and
- (c) The extent to which the prices of these fertilizers have risen in Indian market after the US-Iraq war separately?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICAL AND FERTILIZERS (DR. CHHATRAPAL SINGH)

(a) & (b): While the average C&F price of prilled urea from Arabian Gulf started firming up from last week of January 2003 and reached from \$ 140 per MT to \$ 173 per MT just prior to Iraq war, this price came down to \$ 170 per MT during the war period. However, this has further come down in the month of April 2003. On the other hand, the average C&F price of DAP has gone up from \$ 225 per MT prior to Iraq war to \$ 228-229 per MT during the war period. (Source – Fertilizer Marketing Bulletin published on weekly basis).

(c): There has been no impact of price variation of international market on all the major chemical fertilizers in Indian market as the selling price/maximum retail prices (MRPs) of these fertilizers namely urea, DAP, MOP and complex grade are uniformly fixed/notified by the Government applicable for all over the country.