

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

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SAVING IN SUBSIDY
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Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) the quantum of urea subsidy that could be saved if all the domestic units were modernised to achieve the level of energy efficiency that is currently being achieved by the latest urea manufacturing units; and

(b) the details thereof both in the public and private sectors units?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZER (SHRI RAMESH BAIS)

(a) & (b) : The quantum of likely savings in urea subsidy is itself dependent on likely achievement of energy efficiency level of the latest urea manufacturing units which, in turn, is dependent on heavy investments to be made for achieving that energy efficiency level which will further vary depending on the feedstock used. The issue will further depend on the economic return and the bankability of such investment proposals, apart from willingness of the urea units to undertake such an investment depending on their resources. For these reasons, it may not be possible to project the likely savings in subsidy.