

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

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HIKE IN UREA PRICES  
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**Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government have decided to have a periodic hike in urea prices;
- (b) if so, whether this will be both long term and short term measures of the fertilizer policy which aims at decontrol of the industry in a phased manner;
- (c) if so, whether the Government have given the responsibility of determining the demand and supply situation of urea in the long term to the Indian Council of Agricultural Research;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the extent of rationalisation of NPK usage, promotion of bio-fertilizers and usage of eco- friendly fertilisers have been given a long term policy?

**Answer**

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

- (a) & (b) : While the Government has not taken any decision regarding periodic hike in urea prices, Government intends to move towards a deregulatory regime in fertilizer sector in a phased manner after taking into account its fiscal capacity on the one hand and making available fertilizers to the farmers at affordable prices on the other.
- (c) & (d) : Government have assigned a study to the Indian Agricultural Statistics Research Institute (IASRI) on "Fertilizer Response Ratio of different crops in India". The study would aim to:
  - i) To devise suitable statistical procedures for obtaining the fertilizer response ratios of various crops in different agro-climatic regions of the country; and
  - ii) To obtain fertilizer response ratios for different regions in the country based on farmers field trials/SAU/ICAR experimentation.
- (e) In order to maintain fertility of the soils, the concept of balanced fertilization and integrated nutrient use is being advocated, which envisages conjunctive use of bio-fertilizers, compost, farmyard manure and chemical fertilizers.