

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

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LOW COST FERTILIZERS  
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**Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government are aware that the Phosphate Research and Development Centre (PRDC) in Udaipur (Rajasthan) had developed a low cost fertilizer by using high grade rock phosphate with Farmyard Manure which will prove to be an effective substitute for DAP and MOP;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the reaction of the Government thereto?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (Shri Ramesh Bais )

- (a) Yes sir.
- (b) Studies and experiments were conducted to use beneficiated rock phosphate with Farm Yard Manure. Result of the experiments conducted are encouraging.
- (c) In view of the near total dependency on import of raw material for phosphatic fertilizer, Government would encourage research and development in such areas.