

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1565
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OVER USE OF UREA
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether due to subsidy, urea is over utilized and phosphorous and potassium are under utilized by farmers, which is adversely affecting the productivity of the crops;
- (b) if so, whether the Government proposes to provide subsidy on phosphorous and potassium also to prevent such practices; and
- (c) if so, the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA)

- (a): The ideal macro level ratio of Nitrogenous, Phosphatic and Potassic (NPK) fertilizers is 4:2:1 which deteriorated to 9.5:3.2:1 during 1992-93 due to withdrawal of subsidy (concession) on P&K fertilizers, has since improved to 6.5:2.5:1 during 2003-04.
- (b): The Government is providing subsidy (concession) to P&K fertilizers also.
- (c): Does not arise.