

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

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

- (a) whether the Government has taken decision to continue subsidy for various fertilizers;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, fertilizer-wise;
- (c) if not, the reasons for discontinuation of subsidy;
- (d) whether the Government propose to make subsidy saving on the fertilizers in the coming fiscal years; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS & MINISTER OF STEEL (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN)

(a) to (c): With the objective of making available fertilizers to farmers of the country at affordable rates, Government continues to provide subsidy/concession on urea, the only controlled fertilizer and the de-controlled phosphatic and potassic fertilizers viz, Di-ammonium Phosphate (DAP), Muriate of Potash (MOP), NPK complexes and Single Super Phosphate(SSP).

(d) and (e): The Government reviews the fertilizer pricing policies at regular intervals with a view to rationalise the system of subsidy/concession disbursement to fertilizer manufacturing units and to induce fertilizer manufacturers to take cost reduction measures and increase their production efficiency in order to be competitive.