

**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 is providing subsidy to farmers who are using Single Super Phosphate (SSP) in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to extend this subsidy to those who are using the Rock Phosphate;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SRIKANT KUMAR JENA)

(a) & (b) Government has introduced revised policy on 13.8.2009 for ad-hoc concession for Single Super Phosphate (SSP) w.e.f. 1.10.2009. Accordingly, the Government is providing an ad-hoc concession to the manufacturers/marketers of Rs. 2000/- per Metric Tonne on the sale of powdered, granulated and boronated SSP w.e.f. 1.10.2009. Department of Fertilizers releases month-wise 85% 'On Account' payment of concession to the manufacturer/marketer based on the information about sale submitted by the manufacturer/marketer as per prescribed proforma, duly certified by the Authorized Signatory and Statutory Auditor of the company. The balance 15% of the concession amount is released based on the certification of sales in prescribed Proforma 'B' issued by the State Governments. The selling price of the SSP has been left open w.e.f. 1.10.2009. The ad-hoc concession on SSP shall be provided to those eligible SSP units, which have either annual capacity utilization of atleast 50% or annual production of 40,000 MTS, whichever is lower. The State Governments of the States, where the units are located and where the SSP is sold are required to ensure the production and sale of SSP as per the standards laid down under the Fertilizer Control Order.

(c) to (e) Government is providing subsidy on finished fertilizer products. Department of Fertilizers does not give subsidy to the farmers for direct application of Rock Phosphate in the crops. Also, no such proposal is under consideration with Department of Fertilizers at present.