

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

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DEVELOPMENT OF CUSTOMISED FERTILIZERS  
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**Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government proposes to take steps to ensure adoption of geo-referenced sampling and analysis of soil to develop the appropriate grades of customized fertilizers;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government in this regard; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (c): A new scheme namely, the National Project on Management of Soil Health and Fertility has been launched during 2008-09 and under the scheme, provision has been made for preparation of digital district soil maps (Using Global Positioning System) and soil fertility monitoring system by ICAR/State Agriculture Universities. In order to promote balanced use of fertilizer, the concept of customized fertilizer has been introduced in the Fertilizer (Control) Order, 1985 and the guidelines have also been brought out.

These fertilizers are crop and area specific. So far, 17 such customized fertilizer grades have been specified under the Fertilizer Control Order, 1985.