

**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 had announced to provide fertilizer subsidy directly to the farmers;
- (b) if so, whether the said scheme has been implemented so far;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) the amount of subsidy provided to the farmers in the country under the scheme so far; and
- (e) the names and details of States which got the benefit of the said scheme ?

Answer

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

(a): The Government has implemented Nutrient Based Subsidy (NBS) policy for decontrolled P & K fertilizers w.e.f. 1st April, 2010 in the first phase of NBS. NBS is being released through the fertilizer manufacturers/importers. In the second phase of NBS, it is proposed to move towards release of NBS to farmers at retail point. Urea is also proposed to be decontrolled in the second phase. However, the same will be brought for decision of the competent authority after establishment of the Information and Communication Technology (ICT) linkage of retail chain with the respective fertilizer companies and banks.

(b) to (e): The question does not arise.