

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

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STAMP SCHEME FOR PROVIDING SUBSIDY TO FARMERS  
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**Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government is considering a stamp scheme to provide subsidy to farmers on fertilizers;
- (b) If so the basis on which subsidy would be provided;
- (c) whether this subsidy would be provided for purchasing urea only or for other fertilizers also;
- (d) If so, the details thereof; and
- (e) The initial expenditure likely to be made by the Government in this regard?

**Answer**

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

(a & b) The Government of India so far has not announced any scheme with the name of `Stamp Scheme` for providing subsidy to the farmers. The Government has launched Nutrient Based Subsidy (NBS) policy for decontrolled Phosphatic and Potassic (P&K) fertilizers w.e.f. 1st April, 2010. In the first phase, NBS for the P & K fertilizers is being released through the fertilizer manufacturers/importers. In the second phase of the NBS, it is proposed to move towards release of NBS to farmers at retail point. 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.

(c) to (d) : Urea is not covered under the NBS at present. However, it is proposed to decontrol urea in the second phase and the matter of providing subsidy for urea at the retail point to the farmer would be considered in the second phase.

(e) : No estimates of initial expenditure or budget allocation for expenditure have so far been made for the release of NBS to farmers at retail point.