

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:10
ANSWERED ON:02.07.2009
NEW PRICING SYSTEM FOR MIXED FERTILIZERS
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Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to implement the new pricing system for mixed fertilizers based on micro-nutrients;
- (b) If so, the details thereof alongwith the names of the said mixed fertilizers; and
- (c) the time by which the said pricing system is likely to be implemented?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI M.K. ALAGIRI)

(a) to (c) : A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement referred to in reply to parts (a) to (c) of the Lok Sabha Starred Question No. 10 to be answered on 02-07-2009.

The Government is looking into various possibilities to ensure balanced application of fertilizer and increase in agricultural productivity, which can lead to better returns to the farmers. The Government is looking into various alternatives for disbursement of fertilizer subsidy including the nutrient based subsidy regime instead of current nutrient based pricing regime. The nutrient based subsidy regime is expected to cover a larger basket of fertilizer and will also expected to lead to availability of innovative fertilizer products in the market at reasonable prices. However, final decision has not been taken in the matter.