

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

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SUBSIDY ON FERTILIZERS
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Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to give 50 percent subsidy for the essential fertilizers which contain Urea, Nitrogen and Potash;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the major problems being faced by the farmers with regard to availability and supply of fertilizers by National Agencies like Nagarjuna Fertilizers and Chemicals Limited; and
- (d) the steps being taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SRIKANT KUMAR JENA)

(a) & (b): A proposal for Nutrient Based Subsidy for urea sector is under consideration of Government. So far as Nutrient Based Subsidy for decontrolled P&K fertilizers w.e.f. 1.4.2010 (w.e.f. 1.5.2010 for SSP) is concerned, Government provides fixed amount of subsidy based on the nutrient contents (i.e. N, P, K & S) in the fertilizers. The subsidy on decontrolled fertilizers is decided on annual basis keeping into consideration the affordability of farmers and international price of these fertilizers and its raw materials. The Maximum Retail Price of these fertilizers has been allowed to fixed by the manufacturers/importers at reasonable level.

(c) & (d) No problem regarding availability and supply of fertilisers by Nagarjuna Fertilizers and Chemicals Limited has so far come to notice of Department of Fertilizers.