

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

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NUTRIENT BASED SUBSIDY SCHEME  
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**Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether it is a fact that Nutrient Based Subsidy scheme has not been tested before its implementation;
- (b) if so, the reasons for implementing such an untested scheme; and
- (c) the reaction of the Government thereto?

**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) to (c): In the context of the Nation's food security, the declining response of agricultural productivity to increased fertilizer usage in the country and ensure the balanced application of fertilizers, the Government introduced the Nutrient Based Subsidy (NBS) Policy w.e.f. 1.4.2010 for decontrolled Phosphatic & Potassic fertilizers. The NBS policy has been introduced by the Government based on the recommendation of the Group of Ministers and after consultations with the State Governments and the fertilizer industry and after the Inter Ministerial Consultations. The Government has introduced this policy after considering all the issues relating to agriculture productivity, balanced fertilization and growth of indigenous fertilizer industry and examining all options for rationalization of existing fertilizer subsidy regime.