

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

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PRODUCTION OF NEEM COATED UREA  
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**Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government has decided to increase the production of Neem coated urea to protect the soil from chemical fertilizers;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has launched any public awareness campaign to produce neem coated urea and to increase its utilization; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (d) Considering the beneficial effect of Neem Coated Urea such as slow release properties and consequent reduction in leaching, giving environmental benefits and overall beneficial impact on crop yield, as recommended by the Ministry of Agriculture, the Government has increased the ceiling of production of Neem Coated urea from the existing limit of 20% to 35% of their total production of respective subsidized fertilizers.