

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

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RATIONALIZATION FOR PRICING OF SSP
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Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to rationalize the method for pricing of Single Super Phosphate (SSP) fertilizer in order to bring uniformity in the pricing of all phosphate and potash fertilizers;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

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

(a) to (c) Government is considering various options including nutrient based subsidy for rationalizing fertilizer subsidy. As and when considered and finalized by the Government, subsidy for nutrients under the scheme will apply equally for all Phosphatic and Potassic (P&K) fertilizers including Single Super Phosphate (SSP). With effect from 1st May, 2008 up to 30th June 2009, concession for SSP was provided on the basis of input prices of Rock Phosphate/Sulphur. MRP was fixed uniformly at All-India level at Rs. 3400/- Per MT. However, it has been found that SSP is not made available in all the States and its sale is localized in the State of Production only. This is because with fixed MRP, there would be no incentive to move SSP due to under recovery on freight. Since the policy has ended on 30.6.2009, Government is considering a new policy for SSP with effect from 1st July, 2009.