

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

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DIRECT SUBSIDY TO FARMERS
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Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

- (a) Whether the Government has received any request/demand to grant subsidy on fertilizers directly to the Farmers;
- (b) If so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the action taken by the Government thereon?

Answer

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

(a) to (c) There has been no specific request to grant subsidy on fertilizers directly to farmers. However, there have been proposals from various stakeholders including industry to review the current fertilizer subsidy regime and look at various alternatives including direct subsidy to farmers.

The Government intends to move towards a nutrient based subsidy regime instead of the current nutrient based pricing regime, in order to ensure balanced application of fertilizers and increase in agricultural productivity, which can consequently lead to better returns to the farmers. However, no final decision has been taken yet.