

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

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INCREASE IN PRICES OF PESTICIDES
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Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

- (a) Whether the prices of pesticides have increased manifold during the recent years;
- (b) If so, the reason thereof: and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to control and bring down the prices of pesticides?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) The prices of pesticides are not regulated. Generally the prices of pesticides have gone up particularly during 2008. However, in some case the prices have decreased. There was substantial increase in the prices of pesticides during 2008, resulting from increase in prices of inputs caused by spurt in prices of crude oil as also raw materials mainly coming from China. There was large scale closure of manufacturing plants in China due to Olympics in 2008. The prices of pesticides have since been stabilized.

(c) The excise duty on pesticides has been lowered from 16 % to 8%.