

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

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to encourage farmers to purchase nutrient based fertilizers;
- (b) if so, the price gap between nutrient based urea and the normal urea;
- (c) whether it is a fact that due to wide gap between the prices the farmers and the State Governments are asking for supply of normal urea;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the steps taken or being taken by the Government to minimize the price gap between the two types of urea to keep the interest of farmers and consumers intact?

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 (e) : Yes, Madam. The Government introduced Nutrient Based Subsidy (NBS) policy in place of the Concession scheme for decontrolled Phosphatic & Potassic (P&K) fertilizers from 2010-11. The Government opened up MRPs of the P&K fertilizers covered under the NBS policy. At present, Urea is not covered under the Nutrient Based Subsidy policy. There is no fertilizer as Nutrient based urea. The current MRP of urea is Rs. 5310 per tonne, is fixed exclusive of CST, Sales Tax, Central Excise Duty. With regard to neem coated urea, Government has promoted use of this. Production of Neem coated urea has been restricted to 35% of total production with additional MRP of 5%.