

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

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

- (a) whether the Government has any scheme for decontrolled fertilizers;
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the names of the fertilizers;
- (c) whether there are any guidelines for administering the concession scheme; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) Yes, Madam. The Government has introduced Nutrient Based Subsidy policy for decontrolled fertilizers w.e.f. 1.4.2010.

(b) Under the NBS Policy, subsidy on decontrolled P&K fertilizers is announced annually for each nutrient namely nitrogen (N), phosphorus (P), potash (K) and sulphur (S) on per kg basis, which is converted into subsidy per tonne depending upon the nutrient content in each grade of the fertilizers. The MRP (Maximum Retail Price) of P&K fertilizers is open and is allowed to be fixed by manufactures/importers at reasonable level based on demand-supply dynamics.

At present, NBS Policy is applicable on 25 Grades of P&K fertilizers including, Di- Ammonium Phosphate (DAP), Mono Ammonium Phosphate (MAP), Muriate of Potash (MOP), Triple Super Phosphate(TSP), Single Super Phosphate (SSP), Ammonium Sulphate produced by M/s The Fertilizers & Chemicals Travancore Limited and M/s Gujarat Stare Fertilizers & Chemicals Ltd. and 19 grades of NP&S Complex fertilizers. Under the policy, any variant of the above fertilizers with secondary and micronutrients (except Sulphur 'S'), as provided for under FCO, is also eligible for subsidy. There is separate additional subsidy for micronutrients namely Boron and Zinc.

(c) & (d): Yes, Madam. The NBS policy announced by the Government is annexed.