

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3512
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SCHEME FOR SUBSIDY ON FERTILIZERS
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Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is considering the stamp scheme for providing subsidy on fertilizers to farmers;
- (b) if so, the basis thereof;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to give the subsidy for purchasing urea only or would it be given for other fertilizers also;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the funds likely to be earmarked by the Government on this in the beginning?

Answer

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

- (a) & (b): No, Madam. The Government is not considering any stamp scheme for providing subsidy on fertilizers.
- (c) and (d): The Government provides subsidy on 25 grades of P&K fertilizers along with Urea. Urea is provided to the farmers at statutory price at Maximum Retail Price (MRP) of Rs. 5310/- per Metric Tonne which is much below the cost of Urea. The difference between the cost of Urea and Statutory MRP of Urea is borne by the Government as subsidy.
A fixed amount of subsidy is provided on 25 grades of P&K fertilizers under Nutrient Based Subsidy Policy. The MRP of these grades of fertilizers are fixed by the fertilizer companies.
- (e): An amount of Rs. 65592.13 crore for subsidy on fertilizers has been earmarked by the Government of India for the year 2012-13(BE).