

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

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that partial freeing of fertilizers prices leads to urea overdose; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and the steps being taken by the Government to correct the situation?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): The consumption of fertilizers over the years has been increasing. After the implementation of NBS Policy w.e.f. 1.4.2010, the prices of DAP and Complexes remained stable during 2010-11 but increased substantially during 2011-12. It is seen that the rate of increase in consumption of Urea is slightly more than that of P&K fertilizers in the year 2011-12 over 2010-11 when the prices were low. In spite of increase in prices during 2011-12, the consumption of DAP during 2011-12 has been at same level as compared to the year 2010-11 and the consumption of complex fertilizers have increased during 2011-12. The consumption of Urea, DAP and Complexes for the period 2005-06 to 2011-12 is annexed.