

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

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DOMESTIC NATURAL GAS TO FERTILIZER SECTOR.

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

(a) whether the fertilizers sector should get a major share of domestic natural gas and rejected a proposal to introduce a pooled price mechanism; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Government in this directions so far?

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) & (b): As per the decision of the Empowered Group of Ministers on commercial utilization of gas under the New Exploration Licensing Policy (NELP), the existing gas based Urea plants will be given highest priority in allocation of gas and the demand of gas for Expansion of fertilizer plants, conversion of Naptha-based/Fuel Oil-based fertilizer plants, Revival of closed fertilizer plants and New Greenfield project would be met from production in subsequent years.