

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:357
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PRICE OF UREA
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Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to decontrol the price of urea;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the details of price of urea in the country during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise;
- (d) whether the price rise in urea has caused lots of hardship to farmers in the country;
- (e) if so, whether the Government has any scheme/financial assistance to help the farmers, who have been affected due to the rise in price of urea; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

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): Formulation of policy for existing urea units beyond Stage-III of New Pricing Scheme(NPS) is under consideration of the Government of India.

(c): The MRP of urea in all the States, since 2003 was Rs. 4830/- per tonne. The MRP of urea in all the States has increased to Rs. 5310/- per tonne w.e.f. 1st April 2010 to recover the incidence of non-reimbursable additional State Levies under the Subsidy Regime, the MRP in the State of Uttar Pradesh and Gujarat in financial year 2011-12 and 2012-13 is given in the table below:

Rs. Per MT

	FY 2011-12	FY 2012-13
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Uttar Pradesh	5599	5674
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Gujarat	5510	5499
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The MRP is exclusive of CST, Sales Tax and Central Excise Duty.

(d): No, Madam

(e) & (f): The urea is sold to the farmers at subsidized rates i.e. fixed MRP all over the country and the prices have remained unchanged since 1.4.2010. Thus, farmers have not been affected by any recent price rise.