

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

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GOLDPLATING BY FERTILIZER COMPANIES
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Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the farmers are not getting the requisite benefit of subsidy on fertilizers;
- (b) if so, whether some fertilizer companies resort to tactics of Goldplating i.e. indicating lower production capacity and on the basis of percentage production obtain huge subsidy; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Government in this regard?

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) to (c): The fertilizer is supplied to farmers by the fertilizer companies at subsidized rates, irrespective of the cost of production or import price. The production capacities of all the urea manufacturing units in the country had been reassessed. The Government had notified their reassessed capacities and the same were made effective from April, 2000. Therefore, the Government has already mopped up gold-plated capacities.