

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

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NEW FERTILIZER POLICY  
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**Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the new fertilizer policy was implemented by the Government in April 2010;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether there has been an adverse effect of this policy on production of fertilizers in the country;
- (d) if so, the reaction of the Government in this regard along with adverse effect assessed thereon;
- (e) whether there is a need to implement a new fertilizer policy; and
- (f) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto along with the proposed outlines of this new policy?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF THE STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF 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): Nutrient Based Subsidy (NBS) Policy of Phosphatic and Potassic (P&K) fertilizers is being implemented with effect April 2010. Under the Policy, a fixed amount of subsidy decided on annual basis is provided on each grade of subsidized P&K fertilizers depending upon its nutrient content. The Maximum Retail Price (MRP) of P&K fertilizers is open and is allowed to be fixed by the fertilizer companies at reasonable level. The details of NBS policy are annexed.

(c) & (d): A formal study on impact of NBS policy has not been conducted so far.

(e) & (f): There is no proposal under consideration for a new fertilizer policy in case of P&K fertilizers.