

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

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to set up a differential price mechanism in respect of fertilizers for the benefit of small and marginal farmers;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor;
- (d) whether there is any mechanism to review the prices of subsidized fertilizers on regular basis;
- (e) if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) the steps taken by the Government to provide relief to the small and marginal farmers in various States including Madhya Pradesh?

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) There is no such proposal under consideration.
- (b) Does not arise in view of (a) above.
- (c) Under the present system, subsidized fertilizers are available to all the farmers irrespective of their land holdings.
- (d) and (e): Though under the NBS Policy, the MRP is fixed by the fertilizer companies, they are mandatorily required to enter the MRPs of fertilizers in Fertilizer Monitoring System (FMS), regularly. Department of Fertilizers keeps a watch on the MRPs fixed by the companies which is also brought to the notice of the Inter Ministerial Committee constituted by the Government under the NBS Policy.
- (f) The subsidized fertilizers are available to all farmers irrespective of their land holdings across the country including the State of Madhya Pradesh.