

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

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INVESTMENT IN FERTILIZER SECTOR

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

- (a) the new investment made in the fertilizer sector during the last three years and the current year;
- (b) whether investment activities are gaining speed in view of the excess demand of fertilizers;
- (c) if so, the extent to which investment is likely to be made;
- (d) the details of subsidy provided on fertilizers by America and European countries, country-wise;
- (e) whether the proposed nutrition based subsidy regime scores over the prevailing product pricing regime; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

**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): Keeping in view the Policy for New Investments in urea sector as notified by the Department of Fertilizers on 4th September 2008, M/s Matix Fertilizers & Chemicals Limited, a private company is setting up a new Greenfield Gas Based Ammonia-Urea project in BURDWAN District, West Bengal with a capacity one million metric tonne per annum (1 Mn MTPA).

(b) & (c): New Investment Policy-2012, which is an amendments to New Investrueiu Policy 2008, is presently under consideration of the Government. This proposed policy is expected to provide a fillip to new investment in the field of urea production.

(d): The details are not available with Department of Fertilizers.

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

(f): In view of (e) above, question does not arise.