

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1119  
ANSWERED ON:16.08.2012  
NUTRIENT BASED SUBSIDY SCHEME  
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**Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government is considering to make the nutrient based subsidy a must;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether it is a fact that NBC in urea is must in order to achieve balanced nutrient consumption in the country; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SRIKANT KUMAR JENA)

(a) & (b): Government is already implementing the Nutrient Based Subsidy (NBS) Policy w.e.f. 1.4.2010 for Phosphatic & Potassic (P&K) fertilizers. Under the Policy, a fixed amount of subsidy decided on annual basis is provided on all grades of subsidized P&K fertilizers. The Maximum Retail Price of P&K fertilizers is fixed by fertilizer companies.

(c): No, Madam.

(d): Question does not arise.