

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2196  
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ARTIFICIAL SHORTAGE OF FERTILIZERS  
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**Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:**

- (a) Whether the fertilizer companies create artificial shortage of fertilizers to manipulate the market condition;
- (b) If so, the number of companies found indulging in such malpractices during the last three years and the current year; and
- (c) The action taken against such companies by the Government?

**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) to (b) : No, Madam. No such report of artificial shortage of fertilizers to manipulate the market condition by any company has been received in the Department.
- (c): Question does not arise.