

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

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to formulate national fertilizer policy in the interest of the farmers;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to ensure cent per cent supply of fertilizers in accordance with the demand of the States in the country;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the steps being taken by the Government to check increase in the prices of fertilizers in the country?

**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) & (b) Formulation of policy for existing urea units beyond Stage-III of New Pricing Scheme (NPS) is under consideration of Government.
- (c) & (d) The Government endeavours to supply the fertilizers as per demand of the States in the country. The gap between requirement and domestic availability of fertilizers is met through imports. However, The Government has recently notified the New Investment Policy 2012 on 2nd January 2012 to facilitate fresh investment in urea sector and to reduce India's import dependency in urea production.
- (e) The Government is implementing Nutrient Based Subsidy (NBS) Policy for Phosphatic and Potassic (P&K) fertilizers w.e.f. 01-04-2010. Under this policy, a fixed amount of subsidy, decided on annual basis, is provided on subsidized P&K fertilizers depending on its nutrient contents. Under this policy, the fertilizer companies fix the Maximum Retail Prices (MRP) of P&K fertilizers. Urea is, however, provided to the farmers at MRP of Rs. 5360 PMT fixed by the Government.