

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

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PARTIAL FREEING OF FERTILIZER PRICES
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Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the partial freeing of fertilizer prices leads to urea overdose; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the steps being taken by the Government to remedy the situation?

Answer

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

(a): The MRP of urea is statutorily controlled by the Government whereas, the MRPs of P&K fertilizers are decontrolled and decided by the manufacturers/importers at reasonable level taking into account subsidy being paid by the government and prevailing international market prices under Nutrient Based Subsidy policy. The difference in MRP of urea and P&K fertilizer might have lead to more utilization of urea.

(b): The State Governments are responsible for training programme for farmers for balance use of nutrients. The Department of Fertilizers is emphasizing State Agriculture Department to create awareness among farmers to adopt balanced fertilization of soils during annual zonal conference and weekly video conferences.