

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

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IMPLEMENTATION OF NUTRIENT BASED SUBSIDY POLICY

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

- (a) Whether the Government is implementing Nutrient-based Subsidy Policy, which allows free market pricing, while the Government gives a fixed subsidy;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the reasons thereof?

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) to (c): Yes, Madam. The Government is implementing Nutrient Based Subsidy (NBS) Policy for Phosphatic and Potassic (P&K) fertilizers w.e.f. 1.4.2010, under which a fixed amount of subsidy decided on annual basis, is provided on each grade of subsidized P & K fertilizers depending upon its nutrients namely Nitrogen, Phosphate, Potash and Sulphur, contents. The Maximum Retail Prices (MRPs) of P&K fertilizers are fixed by manufactures/importers based on demand-supply dynamics. At present the NBS Scheme is applicable to 22 grades of P&K fertilizers.