

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:503  
ANSWERED ON:02.05.2013  
IMBALANCE IN FERTILIZER USAGE  
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**Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether there are any instances of indiscriminate use of urea in the country causing an imbalance in the fertilizer usage;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the manufacturers of fertilizers have demanded increase in the prices of urea, reduction in the subsidy on the same and for an increase in the subsidy on Phosphate (P) and Potash (K) based complexes;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and
- (e) the reaction of the Government thereto?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (e) A statement is laid on the table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION No. 503 TO BE ANSWERED ON 02-05-2013 REGARDING IMBALANCE IN FERTILIZER USAGE.

(a) & (b) Ministry of Agriculture has intimated that there have been reports regarding imbalanced fertilizer use due to less use of required P&K fertilizers compared to nitrogenous fertilizers particularly Urea in several states showing wider NPK consumption ratios. Details of States wise NPK consumption ratio for last 5 years are at Annexure I. Low price of urea vis-a-vis DAP and MOP has caused imbalance in NPK use ratio in past two years.

(c) to (e) The Department of Fertilizers has not received any demand from fertilizers manufacturers for either increase in the prices of urea and reduction in its subsidy or for any increase in subsidy on Phosphatic (P) / Potash (K) based complexes. Further in case of P&K fertilizers, the Nutrient Based Subsidy (NBS) policy is being implemented 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 their nutrient content. Maximum Retail Price (MRP) of P&K fertilizers is fixed by the fertilizer companies. The country is fully dependent on imports in Potassic sector and to the extent of 90% in Phosphatic sector in the form of either finished products or its raw material. Subsidy being fixed and any fluctuation in international prices has effect on the domestic prices of P&K fertilizers. The price of P&K fertilizers have increased due to fluctuations in international prices and also due to depreciation of Indian Rupee, over which Government has no control.