

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

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

- (a) whether the Government takes economic condition of small and medium farmers also into account while determining the price of chemicals fertilizers in the country;
- (b) if so, the details of the criteria/parameters to be adopted in determining the price of such commodities;
- (c) whether the farmers are not being provided with chemicals fertilizers by the Government at the price fixed for farmers;
- (d) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (e) the steps taken by the Government to provide economic benefits to the farmers in the country ?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SRIKANT KUMAR JENA)

(a) & (b): The prices of the chemicals fertilizers in the country is same for all farmers including the small and marginal farmers. The price of the subsidized fertilizers has been kept constant since February, 2002 rather has been reduced for complex fertilizers with effect from 18th June 2008, for the benefit of the farmers. The price today is much lower than its delivered cost at the farmgate level. The difference between the notified selling price of the fertilizers and the normative delivered cost of subsidized fertilizers at farmgate level is paid to manufacturers/importers as subsidy by the Government.

(c) & (d) : The chemical fertilizers under the subsidy regime are made available to the farmers at the Maximum Retail Price (MRP) fixed by the Government for the farmers.

(e) : In context of chemical fertilizers, to provide economic benefits to the farmers in the country, the price of the fertilizers under the subsidy regime has been kept constant from February, 2002 onwards, inspite of sharp increase in the delivered cost of the fertilizers during this period. Moreover, fertilizer subsidy is being provided by government for economic benefit of the farmers.