

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1248  
ANSWERED ON:13.08.2013  
CONSULTANT FOR ASSESSING CROP NUTRIENT SUBSIDY  
Anandan Shri K.Murugeshan

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

- (a) whether the Government purposes to hire a consultant to assess the impact of subsidy on crop nutrient after the introduction of the Nutrient Based Subsidy (NBS) scheme, 2010;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government had invited consultancy firms for the purpose; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the time by which a consultant is likely to be hired for the purpose?

**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 (d): Yes, Madam. The Government has appointed M/s Ernst and Young to carry out a study on the impact of Nutrient Based Subsidy (NBS) Policy. The contract has been awarded to them on competitive basis.