

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

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

- (a) the estimated production and consumption of urea and DAP fertilizers;
- (b) the difference in the prices of urea and DAP during each of the last three years and current year, fertilizers –wise;
- (c) whether the downfall in the production of fertilizers has been registered during the said period .
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor ; and
- (e) the steps being taken by the Government in this regard ?

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): The estimated production and consumption/ sale of Urea and DAP for the year 2013-14 is given below:-

(Lakh MT)

Year	Production	Consumption/Sale	Production	Consumption/Sale
	Urea	DAP		
2013-14	227.37	305.83	43.15	67.83

(b): Urea prices fixed by the Government at rupees 5310 PMT have remained unchanged from 01.4.2010 to 31.10.2012. However, w.e.f. 01.11.2012, the maximum retail price of urea has been increased by rupees 50/-per metric tone, raising it to rupees 5360/- per metric tone (exclusive of the central excise duty, central sales tax, countervailing duty, the sales tax and other local taxes).

The Government is implementing Nutrient Based Subsidy (NBS) Policy on 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 all subsidized P&K fertilizers depending upon its nutrient content. The Maximum Retail Price (MRP) is fixed by fertilizer companies. The NBS rates are decided by the Government in the last quarter of the year for the following year after taking into consideration all relevant factors including international price of P&K fertilizers and its raw material and the prevailing exchange rate.

The MRPs of various subsidized fertilizers during the last three years and current year (up to November 2013) are at Annexe.

(c) : No Madam

(d) & (e): Question does not arise.