

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:762  
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NEW PRICING SCHEME FOR UREA SECTOR  
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**Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government has constituted a Group of Ministers (GoMs) to look into all aspects relating to formulation of policy for the existing urea units beyond stage-III of the New Pricing Scheme (NPS);
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons for not implementing NPS policy for the urea sector beyond NPS-III;
- (c) whether the Government is aware that due to delay in implementation of policy for the urea sector, many urea manufacturing units are incurring operational losses;
- (d) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto; and
- (e) the present status of the NPS for the urea sector and the time by which it is likely to be implemented? ANSWER MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS AND

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE (IC) IN THE MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI SRIKANT KUMAR JENA)

(a), (b) and (e) : The policy for stage III of New Pricing Scheme (NPS-III) was approved by CCEA in February 2007 and made effective from 1.10.2006 till 31.03.2010. The provisions of Policy for Stage-III of NPS have been extended beyond the validity period of NPS- III i.e. 31.3.2010 till further orders. With the approval of PMO, a new GoM was constituted to look into all aspects relating to formulation of policy for the existing urea units beyond Stage-III of NPS, the meeting of which took place on 5th June, 2013. During the meeting, it was decided that further deliberations on the issues are required before formulation of policy for existing urea units beyond New Pricing Scheme. Therefore, policy beyond stage-III of NPS for existing urea units is under consideration of GOM, at present.

(c) & (d) : This department does not have any information regarding any operational loss of any urea units.