

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

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SUPPLY OF FERTILIZERS THROUGH PRIVATE SECTOR
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Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to supply chemical fertilizers through private sector;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the efforts made by the Government so far to improve the rake point in fertilizer distribution system?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI HANSRAJ GANGARAM AHIR)

(a) & (b): At present subsidized chemical fertilizers are imported/produced/ supplied to farmers by the fertilizer manufacturers/importers which are in all the sectors of economy viz. Private, Cooperative and Public Sectors.

(c): Ministry of Railways has informed that creation, development and up-gradation of infrastructure in goods sheds is an ongoing activity over Indian Railways for movement of various commodities including fertilizer. Proposals are taken up for sanction and execution based on operational requirement, commercial viability, financial justification, technical feasibility, resource availability and overall priority in the whole gamut of sanctioned projects. As many as 70 works for strengthening infrastructure of sidings/goods shed at a cost of Rs. 977 crores are sanctioned over Indian Railways.