

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
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Single Super Phosphate
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Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

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- (a) Whether chemicals like 'single super phosphate' are being made available to the drought hit farmers at a higher than market price through various State agencies;
- (b) If so, the details thereof along with the details of the efforts being made by the Government in this direction;
- (c) Whether the Government is considering to provide subsidy on such chemicals;
- (d) If so, the details thereof; and
- (e) If not, the reason therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS

(SHRI HANSRAJ GANGARAM AHIR)

(a) & (b): Single Super Phosphate (SSP) is one of the chemical fertilizers, which are provided to farmers at subsidized prices. Fertilizer companies are required to print Maximum Retail Price (MRP) along with applicable subsidy on the fertilizer bags clearly. Any sale above the printed MRP is punishable under the Essential Commodities Act (EC Act). State Governments are the agencies empowered to take necessary administrative and punitive/legal action against those not complying with the provisions of the Fertilizer Control Order, 1985 under EC Act. Hence, no State agency can make available or charge for subsidized fertilizers at a price more than the printed MRP.

(c) to (e): SSP is already a subsidized fertilizer and at present the Govt. is providing subsidy @ Rs.3173 per MT on this fertilizer.
