

a manner that at least covers the input cost on account of human labour, machine labour, bullock labour, seeds, fertilizers, irrigation charges so that farmers are assured of getting adequate returns on their investment.

(d) and (e) While finalizing, the Nutrient Based Subsidy Policy, the Fertilizer Association of India, various Ministries of the Government and the State Governments have been consulted. It has been introduced after the recommendations of the Group of Ministers. In the first phase of the implementation of the Nutrient Based Subsidy, the payment of subsidy shall be released to the fertilizer industry and not directly to the farmers.

Setting up of plastic clusters/parks

1714. SHRI JAI PRAKASH NARAYAN SINGH:

SHRI DHARAM PAL SABHARWAL:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is considering to set up plastic clusters/parks across the country on the lines of existing textiles, food processing parks;

(b) if so, the details in this regard with the amount of investment;

(c) whether his Ministry is also considering to give fiscal incentives for development of such parks; and

(d) if so, the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SRIKANT JENA): (a) to (d) Department of Chemicals & Petrochemicals through Plastics Export Promotion Council, conducted a feasibility study for setting up of dedicated plastics parks to promote cluster approach in the area of development of plastic applications & plastics recycling. Stake holder consultation with State Governments and industry associations have been completed as part of the process for formation of a suitable scheme, which has been submitted to Planning Commission.

Production and demand of fertilizers

1715. SHRI PARVEZ HASHMI: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether production of fertilizers in our country is very less compared to its demand;

(b) whether it is a fact that due to less availability of fertilizers there is considerable loss of agriculture production;

(c) if so, the total production of fertilizer in the country;