

(d) if so, the reason therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SRIKANT JENA): (a) to (d) The Department of Fertilizers has not entrusted study to the Indian Institute of Management (IIM) Ahmedabad titled 'Fertilizer Subsidy in India: who are the beneficiaries'.

Decontrolling of prices of fertilizers

1713. SHRI N.K. SINGH: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has recently decided to decontrol the prices of all fertilizers and also to hike 10 per cent a tonne on urea;

(b) if so, the facts and the details thereof;

(c) whether such a step of Government is going to increase prices of food/farm products and the farmers would be adversely affected;

(d) if so, whether views of all the political parties were taken before decontrolling prices of fertilizers; and

(e) if not, the manner in which subsidy on fertilizers would be extended to farmers now?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SRIKANT JENA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Government has decided to increase the MRP of urea by 10% from the current MRP of Rs. 4830/- per MT to Rs. 53107/- per MT w.e.f. 1.4.2010. The Government has introduced Nutrient Based Subsidy Policy in respect of Phosphatic & Potassic fertilizers with effect from 1.4.2010. With the introduction of Nutrient Based Subsidy Policy, the MRP of subsidized fertilizers i.e. DAP, MOP: Complex fertilizers, MAP, TSP, Ammonium Sulphate (AS) and Single Super Phosphate (SSP) has been left open. However, the Government has decided that under the Nutrient Based Subsidy for 2010-11, the subsidy for nutrients 'N', 'P', 'K' & 'S' will be fixed in such a manner that the farm gate prices of non-urea fertilizers are as far as possible, near the current prices, so that the farmers are not adversely affected.

(c) The value of fertilizers is one of the items, which are included in the operational cost of cultivation of crops. With increase in either input quantity or rate or both, the operational input cost of cultivation increases. The impact due to marginal increase in MRP of Urea after a gap of 8 years would be negligible. Further, the Commission for Agricultural Costs and Prices while recommending Minimum Support Prices for various agricultural commodities within the purview of MSP regime takes account of rising input cost for these crops individually. The minimum support prices is formulated in

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;