

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SRIKANT JENA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d) Government has introduced Nutrient Based Subsidy policy with effect from 1.4.2010. Wide consultations were held with the State Governments, Fertilizer Industry and concerned Ministries and Departments of Government of India while finalizing the policy on Nutrient Based Subsidy (NBS). The NBS was approved by the Government after considerations and recommendations by the Group of Ministers.

Decontrolling of prices of fertilizers

3876. SHRI T.K. RANGARAJAN: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal for decontrolling of prices of fertilizers;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether this would empower the manufacturers liberty in fixing the prices;

(d) if so, whether Government has contemplated mechanism to protect the interest of the farmers; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SRIKANT JENA): (a) to (e) The Government has introduced Nutrient Based Subsidy Policy in respect of Phosphatic and Potassic fertilizers (except SSP) with effect from 1.4.2010. This policy is applicable on SSP with effect from 1.5.2010. As per this policy, the Government shall pay subsidy to the manufacturers/importers on DAP, MOP, NPK Complexes (12 grades), MAP, TSP, Ammonium Sulphate (AS) and SSP based on the nutrients contained therein. Though the MRP is being fixed by Companies, the Government has fixed the subsidy under Nutrient Based Subsidy in such a manner that the MRP with effect from 1.4.2010 fixed by companies is near to the earlier level of MRP. A marginal increase of Rs. 30 per bag only has taken place. In case of MOP, no increase has taken place and in case of SSP there is reduction of Rs. 70 per bag.

Availability of fertilizers

3877. SHRIMATI VIPLOVE THAKUR: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) the production, demand and supply of various fertilizers in the country during each of the last three years and the current year, fertilizer-wise and State-wise;