

(b) if so, what steps have so far been taken in this direction?

THE MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND SHIPPING (PROF. V. K. R. V. RAO): (a) No.

(b) Does not arise.

†PRICES OF CHEMICAL FERTILISERS

89. SHRI RAM CHANDER: Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the prices of sulphate of ammonia and other chemical fertilizers at present in India and also the prices of these fertilizers in the beginning of the years 1965 and 1966; and

(b) how do these prices compare with those in Pakistan, Japan and the U.S.A. at corresponding times?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION (SHRI ANNASAHEB SHINDE): (a) and (b) A statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

STATEMENT

(a) and (b) The prices of Sulphate of Ammonia and other chemical fertilizers in India in the beginning of year 1965-1966, and as prevailing at present, together with the comparative prices in Pakistan, Japan and U.S.A. in 1964-65 are given below:—

(In Rs. per M.T. of Plant Nutrient)

Country	Ammonium Sulphate	Urea	Single (a) Superphosphate	Muriate of (b) Potash
India (on 1-1-65) . . .	1747	1338	1267†	475‡
India (on 1-2-66) . . .	1966	1478	1318†	498‡
India (continuing) from 1-4-67) . . .	2343*	1826	1927† (in the eastern region)	653‡ (From 12-4-65)
			1881 (In other regions)	
U.S.A. (1964-65) . . .	1324	—	1062	467
Japan (1964-65) . . .	1257	1152	1162	462
Pakistan (1964-65) . . .	829	600	600	686

(a) Below 25% P₂O₅
(b) Above 45% K₂O

*At 21% N..

†Ex-factory

‡Ex-godown; 60% K₂O

The prices in Pakistan, Japan and U.S.A. in 1966 and those prevailing at present, are not available. The prices for these countries indicated above are based on F.A.O. Production Year Book 1965. The prices in Pakistan are lower because of a subsidy of 53 per cent.

†Transferred from the 24th May, 1967.