

scheme for decontrolled P&K fertilizers. Prior to 1.4.2010, the MRPs of the P&K fertilizers were fixed by the Government below the actual cost and the difference between the actual cost and the MRP's was reimbursed by the Government to the manufacturers/importers in the form of subsidy. Under the NBS Policy, the MRPs of the P&K fertilizers has been left open to be fixed by the manufacturers/importers and the amount of subsidy is fixed in terms of the nutrients of Nitrogen 'N', Phosphate 'P', Potash 'K' and Sulphur 'S' on annual basis. Accordingly, any increase/decrease in the prices of P&K fertilizers and its raw materials in the international market has a direct bearing on the MRPs of P&K fertilizers. Recently, the international prices of P&K fertilizers and its raw materials and that of US dollar have gone up substantially, as a result of which, the MRPs of P&K fertilizers have almost doubled. However, the MRP of Urea is controlled by Government and is fixed at Rs. 5310/- PMT.

Government is keeping a close watch on the MRPs of the fertilizers.

#### **Growth in production of fertilizers**

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

(a) whether Government has initiated any step to increase production of fertilizers during the last ten years; and

(b) if so, the details of annual production growth in different fertilizers during the said period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SRIKANT JENA): (a) and (b) Yes. Government has notified New Investment Policy 2008 to encourage increase in production Urea Sector. The policy resulted in increase in production of approximate two million tonne of urea due to revamp of existing plants. A slight increase in production of Phosphatic fertilizer (Single Super Phosphatic) has also been noticed as a result of the Nutrient Based Subsidy Scheme implemented *w.e.f.* 1st April, 2010.

#### **FDI in pharmaceutical sector**

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

(a) whether Government has formulated any policy regarding hike in Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) in pharmaceutical sector;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether any study has been conducted about the impact of FDI in pharma industry and if so, the details thereof?