

**Paying of marketing margin of GAIL to fertilizer units**

804. SHRI PARSHOTTAM KHODABHAI RUPALA:  
SHRI BHARATSINH PRABHATSINH PARMAR:

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

(a) when the Ministry is currently paying marketing margin of GAIL to Fertilizer producers then why it is not paying marketing margin levied by private sector natural gas producers to fertilizers units;

(b) whether the Ministry is aware of the fact that Petroleum and Natural Gas Regulatory Board (PNGRB) is not able to decide marketing margin levied by private sector natural gas marketeers;

(c) whether the Ministry has taken up this matter with Petroleum Ministry, if so, the details thereof; and

(d) by when the Ministry is going to resolve this matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SRIKANT JENA): (a) to (d) The Department of Fertilizers has taken up the issue of marketing margin with the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas. Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas/PNGRB has informed that the PNGRB propose to process the issue of determination of marketing margin by examining the material made available to them and if required by interacting with the affected entities and the PNGRB shall endeavour to complete the process as expeditiously as possible.

**Equitable distribution of fertilizers**

805. SHRI RANBIR SINGH PARJAPATI:  
PROF. ANIL KUMAR SAHANI:

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

(a) whether Government is not distributing fertilizers equally in all parts of the country and farmers are facing great difficulty in getting the fertilizers on time;

(b) if so, the steps taken for equitable distribution of fertilizers in all parts of the country, especially in remote, hilly and inaccessible areas;

(c) whether hoarders and black marketeers are creating artificial scarcity/ shortage of fertilizers in some parts of the country and poor farmers are forced to buy fertilizers in black; and

(d) action taken to tackle the problem of artificial shortage and to punish hoarders and black marketeers?