

(Price in Rupees)

Product Name	Current prices		Proposed new prices	
	MRP (Inclusive of VAT) Rs.	Price to Patient (Excluding VAT)	MRP (Inclusive of VAT) Rs.	Price to Patient (Excluding VAT)
1. Trastuzumab-440mg	1,10,700	85,715	75,000	50,000
2. Rituximab-500mg	80,000	60,000	37,500	25,000
3. Rituximab-100mg	16,000	12,000	7,500	5,000

(The injection Rituximab is also available as Biosimilar from Dr. Reddy's Labs).

Less production of Urea by MFL, Chennai

499. DR. V. MAITREYAN: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Madras Fertilizers Limited (MFL), Chennai produced only around 54 per cent Urea of its installed capacity during 2009-10 and 2010-11;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Union Government to improve the production capacity of the MFL?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SRIKANT JENA): (a) No, Sir. Madras Fertilizers Limited has produced 90% and 98% of the installed capacity during 2009-10 and 2010-11 respectively.

(b) and (c) In view of above question does not arise.

Hardship faced by fertilizer industry

500. SHRI AAYANUR MANJUNATHA: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether fertilizer industry in the country is facing hardships due to non-availability of funds;

- (b) whether several fertilizers plants have become obsolete;
- (c) whether Government has initiated measures to attract fresh investment in fertilizer sector;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the other steps being taken by Government to make the fertilizer industry viable?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SRIKANT JENA): (a) There is shortage of funds for payment of subsidy to fertilizer companies for the last few months. However, in order to overcome the difficulty, the Government has decided to make a Special Banking Arrangements (SBA) to the tune of Rs. 5,000 crore allowing the fertilizer companies to raise short term loans through a Consortium of Public Sector Banks against the subsidy receivables. Under the SBA the Government will bear interest liabilities upto 8% *(G-sec interest rate) per annum.

(b) No, Sir. Five units of the Fertilizers Corporation of India and three units of the Hindustan Corporation of India were ordered to be closed by the Government in the year 2002 due to various reasons *inter-alia*, on account of technological obsolescence, feedstock limitation, non-viability of unit/company and heavy financial losses. Subsequently one more unit of Duncan Industries Limited (DIL)-Kanpur was shut down because of financial loss during the year 2002.

(c) to (e) The Government has notified the New Investment Policy, 2012 on 2nd January, 2012 to facilitate fresh investment in urea sector and to reduce India's import dependency in urea production.

Less use of fertilizers by farmers due to steep price rise

501. SHRI ALOK TIWARI:
SHRI ARVIND KUMAR SINGH:
SHRIMATI KUSUM RAI:
SHRI PRABHAT JHA:

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

- (a) whether Government is aware that due to steep rise in price of fertilizers during the recent years, use of fertilizers by farmers has decreased;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;