

- (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:

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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;

(c) the details of demand of various fertilizers during last three years, year-wise and State-wise; and

(d) the details of steps Government proposes in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SRIKANT JENA): (a) and (b) There has been increase in prices of Phosphatic and Potassic (P&K) fertilizers in the recent years. The consumption of various fertilizers in the country since 2009-10 to till January, 2013 is as under:—

Year	Sales/Consumption (in LMT)				
	DAP	Complexes	MOP	SSP	Total P&K
2009-10	103.92	82.03	46.74	29.44	262.13
2010-11	112.87	102.98	38.91	31.46	286.63
2011-12	111.9	113.93	29.91	47.59	303.08
2012-13 (till January, 13)	77.24	64.87	17.94	38.48	198.53

It is evident from the above figure that Sales/Consumption of P&K fertilizers in the current year is less as compared to previous years. This may be due to drought in States like Maharashtra, MP, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu etc. However, the possibility of lower consumption of P&K fertilizer due to high prices of P&K fertilizers can't be ruled out.

(c) The information is given in the Statement (See below).

(d) The Nutrient Based Subsidy (NBS) Policy for Phosphatic and Potassic (P&K) fertilizers is being implemented *w.e.f.* 1.4.2010, under which a fixed amount of subsidy, decided on annual basis, is provided on each grade of subsidised P&K fertilizer depending upon their nutrient content. Maximum Retail Price (MRP) of P&K fertilizers are fixed by the fertilizer companies.

The country is fully dependent on imports in Potassic sector and to the extent of 90% in Phosphatic sector in the form of either finished products or its raw material. Subsidy being fixed any fluctuation in international prices has effect on the domestic prices of P&K fertilizers. The prices of fertilizers have increased mainly due to fluctuation in international prices, which is not under the control of the Government and also on account of depreciation of Indian rupee *vis-a-vis* USD.

Statement

State-wise sales of Urea, DAP, MOP and Complex fertilizers during the year 2008-09 to 2012-13 (Upto January, 2013)

(Figures in lakh MT)

Name of State	Year	Urea			DAP			MOP			Complex		
		Require- ment	Avail- ability	Sales	Require- ment	Avail- ability	Sales	Require- ment	Avail- ability	Sales	Require- ment	Avail- ability	Sales
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
Andhra Pradesh	2008-09	27.50	27.84	27.33	8.50	9.97	9.97	5.85	6.27	6.04	20.50	16.50	16.30
	2009-10	27.50	26.16	25.95	9.75	8.89	8.85	6.60	6.07	6.01	20.50	18.69	18.15
	2010-11	28.50	31.73	31.30	11.00	10.40	10.30	6.60	6.09	6.04	20.50	22.12	21.88
	2011-12	31.00	29.87	29.34	12.30	10.93	10.39	6.60	4.44	3.82	22.30	25.73	23.58
	2012-13	29.50	25.08	24.53	11.30	7.27	5.34	6.05	3.64	2.52	21.00	19.14	14.89
Karnataka	2008-09	13.50	12.88	12.82	6.05	8.12	8.07	4.55	5.14	5.05	11.17	8.44	8.39
	2009-10	13.75	13.77	13.77	8.20	8.46	8.46	5.15	6.12	6.08	11.20	10.95	10.76
	2010-11	14.00	14.28	14.28	8.60	8.46	8.42	5.65	4.24	4.14	11.20	13.78	13.51
	2011-12	14.50	14.53	14.45	8.75	9.40	9.06	5.65	3.82	3.64	13.10	17.34	16.40

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1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
Madhya Pradesh	2008-09	15.75	13.83	13.59	8.25	8.31	8.14	1.20	1.17	0.88	4.35	2.20	2.15
	2009-10	15.25	16.00	15.93	8.50	9.52	9.47	1.20	1.67	1.43	3.55	2.48	2.43
	2010-11	16.75	17.05	16.92	10.00	10.94	10.92	1.45	1.36	1.33	3.69	3.55	3.52
	2011-12	17.50	18.16	17.86	10.95	11.89	10.57	1.65	0.93	0.75	4.05	5.33	4.66
	2012-13	18.22	18.83	17.44	11.44	13.11	8.39	1.40	1.01	0.72	4.32	2.81	2.02
Chhattisgarh	2008-09	5.40	5.23	5.06	1.75	2.31	2.28	0.77		0.92	1.30	1.23	1.22
	2009-10	5.48	5.27	5.27	1.77	2.65	2.65	0.84	0.96	0.90	1.42	1.04	1.04
	2010-11	5.70	5.56	5.54	2.84	2.41	2.41	1.06	0.96	0.94	1.40	1.32	1.32
	2011-12	6.25	6.30	6.30	2.90	2.71	2.58	1.15	0.85	0.83	1.54	2.21	197.00
	2012-13	6.40	6.18	5.12	2.92	2.69	1.46	1.14	0.98	0.44	1.60	1.32	0.91
Maharashtra	2008-09	23.25	22.84	22.46	8.60	10.19	10.15	3.70	5.17	4.92	15.65	10.40	10.29
	2009-10	24.75	22.87	22.87	12.50	13.83	13.82	5.60	7.07	7.06	14.00	11.25	11.13
	2010-11	25.25	25.52	25.51	16.70	14.35	14.31	6.75	6.52	6.37	14.80	17.98	17.92
	2011-12	27.50	25.67	25.43	17.25	12.69	12.22	6.40	4.26	3.99	18.30	20.86	19.74
	2012-13	24.15	19.23	18.65	14.01	8.32	5.49	5.37	3.38	2.60	16.71	14.29	10.42

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Rajasthan	2008-09	15.10	13.21	12.97	5.60	5.90	5.77	0.33	0.32	0.24	1.42	0.67	0.66	Written Answers to
	2009-10	15.10	13.37	13.15	6.50	5.86	5.85	0.35	0.55	0.42	1.37	0.78	0.78	
	2010-11	15.60	15.73	15.70	7.00	7.20	7.16	0.55	0.35	0.28	1.18	1.40	1.37	
	2011-12	16.25	17.58	16.90	7.30	7.33	7.07	0.50	0.25	0.23	1.76	1.54	1.40	
	2012-13	15.68	16.76	16.17	6.27	6.86	5.26	0.47	0.15	0.12	1.47	0.81	0.76	
Haryana	2008-09	19.90	17.59	17.36	6.00	6.69	6.61	0.46	0.47	0.39	0.67	0.31	0.31	[1 MAR., 2013]
	2009-10	19.65	18.05	17.95	7.00	6.66	6.66	0.52	0.90	0.90	0.45	0.48	0.48	
	2010-11	19.65	18.75	18.38	7.20	7.40	7.37	0.70	0.66	0.66	0.55	0.69	0.69	
	2011-12	19.75	19.45	19.15	7.20	8.45	8.32	0.75	0.48	0.46	0.85	0.79	0.71	
	2012-13	19.50	18.74	17.74	6.80	8.20	5.73	0.66	0.21	0.18	0.90	0.25	0.23	
Punjab	2008-09	25.50	26.28	25.77	8.10	8.82	8.82	0.95	0.98	0.81	1.01	0.59	0.57	Unstarred Questions 111
	2009-10	25.50	24.65	24.46	8.50	8.08	8.06	0.91	1.00	1.08	0.55	0.57	0.55	
	2010-11	26.00	27.61	27.17	9.25	9.04	9.01	1.06	1.06	0.96	0.70	1.05	1.03	
	2011-12	26.00	28.50	28.25	10.15	10.08	9.66	1.06	0.73	0.69	1.00	1.30	1.19	
	2012-13	25.00	26.56	24.24	7.85	9.96	8.10	0.96	0.43	0.33	1.15	0.42	0.35	

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Uttar Pradesh	2008-09	55.00	55.74	54.83	15.50	15.12	14.93	2.50	2.79	2.47	10.50	7.44	7.32	Written Answers to [RAJYA SABHA]
	2009-10	55.00	53.64	53.08	17.00	16.51	16.49	2.85	3.47	3.43	8.50	9.47	9.40	
	2010-11	57.60	55.08	54.51	19.60	17.71	17.64	3.70	2.17	1.92	9.45	10.61	10.30	
	2011-12	58.00	59.12	58.05	19.65	18.76	18.15	4.00	1.82	1.80	11.25	12.86	11.26	
	2012-13	54.00	57.02	52.06	17.90	24.26	18.86	2.90	1.52	1.23	11.25	7.47	6.19	
Uttarakhand	2008-09	2.30	2.22	2.20	0.35	0.31	0.31	0.18	0.08	0.08	0.45	0.51	0.51	
	2009-10	2.15	2.33	2.33	0.40	0.38	0.38	0.13	0.04	0.04	0.45	0.41	0.40	
	2010-11	2.20	2.24	2.23	0.40	0.28	0.28	0.09	0.05	0.05	0.50	0.57	0.57	
	2011-12	2.40	2.51	2.50	0.33	0.39	0.38	0.09	0.04	0.04	0.71	0.53	0.50	
	2012-13	2.16	2.23	2.12	0.31	0.33	0.24	0.08	0.05	0.04	0.52	0.39	0.30	
Jammu and Kashmir	2008-09	1.35	1.28	1.26	0.80	0.59	0.59	0.33	0.14	0.14	0.00	0.07	0.07	Unstarred Questions
	2009-10	1.40	1.22	1.22	0.78	0.48	0.48	0.26	0.18	0.18	0.00	0.00	0.00	
	2010-11	1.50	1.28	1.27	0.85	0.81	0.81	0.36	0.19	0.19	0.00	0.00	0.00	
	2011-12	1.45	1.20	1.19	0.85	0.67	0.65	0.35	0.09	0.08	0.00	0.00	0.00	

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Bihar	2012-13	1.34	1.17	0.81	0.80	0.54	0.37	0.32	0.15	0.08	0.00	0.00	0.00
	2008-09	21.25	18.33	17.96	4.25	4.12	4.11	1.90	2.28	2.13	3.60	2.59	2.59
	2009-10	19.00	17.04	17.03	4.50	3.98	3.97	2.10	2.26	2.26	3.10	2.68	2.68
	2010-11	19.50	16.96	16.94	4.75	4.60	4.59	2.30	2.00	1.97	3.35	3.14	3.11
	2011-12	20.75	18.16	18.11	5.00	4.72	4.41	2.45	1.29	1.26	3.75	4.03	3.56
Jharkhand	2012-13	19.35	18.37	17.77	4.80	5.76	4.73	2.20	1.51	0.98	3.55	3.33	2.49
	2008-09	2.00	1.57	1.54	1.05	0.80	0.80	0.13	0.16	0.14	0.40	0.38	0.38
	2009-10	2.05	1.50	1.50	1.15	0.82	0.82	0.15	0.17	0.17	0.50	0.69	0.68
	2010-11	2.10	1.36	1.35	1.10	0.66	0.65	0.15	0.08	0.06	0.85	0.36	0.36
	2011-12	2.60	2.19	2.16	1.25	0.71	0.68	0.34	0.06	0.06	1.08	0.52	0.47
Odisha	2012-13	2.58	1.91	1.74	1.20	0.57	0.45	0.30	0.07	0.03	0.95	0.26	0.26
	2008-09	5.50	4.74	4.60	2.00	1.89	1.89	1.35	1.53	1.34	2.88	2.66	2.55
	2009-10	5.75	4.61	4.59	2.25	2.24	2.21	1.70	1.31	1.27	3.00	2.28	2.24
	2010-11	5.75	4.74	4.57	2.50	2.20	2.19	1.90	1.36	1.32	3.00	2.33	2.31
	2011-12	6.40	5.28	5.10	2.60	1.90	1.73	2.05	0.92	0.83	3.14	3.46	3.12
	2012-13	5.55	4.63	4.38	2.35	1.30	1.18	1.63	0.75	0.65	2.89	2.21	1.71

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
West Bengal	2008-09	13.00	11.94	11.67	4.86	4.03	4.03	4.15	4.80	4.62	7.49	7.29	7.23
	2009-10	13.00	11.71	11.71	4.80	4.56	4.55	4.15	4.97	4.97	7.50	8.39	8.39
	2010-11	13.00	11.26	11.26	5.10	4.64	4.62	4.00	3.29	3.23	8.25	8.95	8.76
	2011-12	13.25	12.76	12.74	5.10	5.05	4.76	4.00	3.08	3.01	9.00	8.96	8.13
	2012-13	10.52	12.06	10.23	4.40	4.38	3.34	3.09	2.75	1.81	7.57	8.16	7.20
Assam	2008-09	2.40	2.30	2.30	1.03	0.14	0.14	1.06	1.08	0.95	0.30	0.06	0.06
	2009-10	2.60	2.56	2.56	0.35	0.22	0.22	1.26	0.97	0.97	0.06	0.06	0.06
	2010-11	2.60	2.50	2.50	0.60	0.29	0.27	1.30	0.96	0.96	0.05	0.11	0.11
	2011-12	3.00	2.68	2.68	0.60	0.37	0.28	1.40	0.94	0.91	0.27	0.07	0.05
	2012-13	2.57	2.24	2.04	0.51	0.28	0.24	1.17	0.65	0.42	0.21	0.06	0.05
ALL INDIA:	2008-09	281.34	270.88	266.51	94.83	99.78	99.03	37.86	43.34	40.95	92.32	72.26	71.22
	2009-10	281.90	265.97	264.45	106.98	104.09	103.92	43.85	47.60	46.74	87.73	83.38	82.03
	2010-11	290.79	284.62	282.23	120.92	113.09	112.87	47.80	39.83	38.91	92.00	104.39	102.98
	2011-12	305.16	298.65	294.77	126.16	117.44	111.95	48.27	31.64	29.91	107.36	124.27	113.93
	2012-13	285.35	269.94	253.23	114.93	106.25	77.24	41.47	24.32	17.94	100.45	84.59	64.87

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