

**Losses to fertilizer units due to NPS-III**

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

(a) the number of fertilizer units facing operational financial losses as on date due to existing Urea pricing policy, NPS-III;

(b) how much operational financial losses have been incurred by these units during last five years due to existing Urea pricing policy NPS-III, the details thereof, Unit-wise; and

(c) the present status of new pricing policy for Urea sector and by when Government is going to amend new Urea pricing policy to address this matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SRIKANT JENA): (a) and (b) The Department of Fertilizers does not have profitability data of existing units on account of their operations.

(c) Formulation of policy for existing urea units beyond Stage-III of New Pricing Scheme (NPS) is under consideration of Government.

**Subsidy on fertilizers**

503. SHRI DEVENDER GOUD T.: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of subsidy given on various fertilizers during the last three years, year-wise and fertilizer-wise;

(b) whether it is a fact that this year fertilizer subsidy would shoot 62 per cent more of the Budget estimates; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SRIKANT JENA): (a) The details of subsidy given on various fertilizers during the last three years, year-wise and fertilizer-wise is given as under:—

**Department of Fertilizers**

*Year-wise fertilizers subsidy payment released during the period 2009 and 2012*

(Rupees in crores)

Year	Indigenous P&K	Imported Urea	Imported P&K	Indigenous Urea	Total
2009-10	16000.00	6999.63	23452.06	17580.25	64031.94
2010-11	20650.00	9255.95	20850.00	15080.73	65836.68
2011-12	20237.49	17475.00	16571.92	20285.42	74569.83

(b) and (c) The allocation of funds for fertilizer subsidy in the year 2012-13 is Rs. 65592.13 crore under BE. The requirement of funds projected in RE is Rs. 102207.39 crore.

**Criteria for fixing the price of medicines**

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

(a) whether Government has taken steps to control price of some of the medicines under price control mechanism;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether cost of production is taken as a criteria for fixing the price;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the factors considered for fixing the price of medicines?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SRIKANT JENA): (a) to (e) The existing price control mechanism is as per the provisions of the Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 1995 *vide* which presently prices of 74 bulk drugs and the formulations containing any of these scheduled drugs are controlled. NPPA fixes or revises prices of controlled drugs/formulations including the imported formulations as per the provisions of the DPCO, 1995 and this is a continuous process. The prices are fixed/revised based