

**Steps to reduce expenditure on fertilizer subsidy**

†2991. SHRI BASAWARAJ PATIL: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of subsidy given by Government to provide fertilizers at subsidized rate during the last three years, year-wise details thereof; and

(b) whether Government has made any plan to develop any new indigenous method to do away with the expenditure on this subsidy and the manner in which they are being implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SRIKANT JENA): (a) The details of fertilizer subsidy given during the last three years are as given below:—

(Rupees in crores)

Year	Imported urea	Imported P&K	Indigenous P&K	Indigenous urea
2010-11	9255.95	20850.00	20650.00	15080.73
2011-12	17475.00	16571.92	20237.49	20285.44
2012-13	20016.00	14576.10	16000.00	20000.00

(b) No, Sir. The Government, at present, has no proposal to do away with the expenditure on subsidy. However, Department is implementing nutrient based subsidy policy for Phosphatic and Potassic (P&K) Fertilizers *w.e.f.* 01.04.2010 under which the subsidy is fixed and the retail prices are market determined. The expenditure on subsidy on P&K fertilizers, both domestic and imported, has come down during last three years.

**Crisis in Hindustan Organic Chemicals Ltd.**

2992. SHRI P. RAJEEVE: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Hindustan Organic Chemicals Ltd. is facing crisis due to withdrawal of anti-dumping duty of their products and other issues; and

(b) if so, whether Government has taken any steps to address this problem?

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