Supply of DAP

- 587. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it is a fact that Government renegotiated with International firms in June, 2003 for the purchase of phosphoric acid;
 - (b) if so, the details thereof; and
 - (c) its impact on the supply of DAP to the farmers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHHATTRA PAL SINGH):

- (a) and (b) No. Sir, The import of phosphoric acid is de-canalized. However, a consortium of certain phosphatic fertilizer manufacturers under the aegis of Fertilizer Association of India (FAI) negotiates and finalise the prices of phosphoric acid for the year with the International suppliers. The price negotiated by the FAI consortium for 2003-04 is US \$ 356.00 per MT with 150 days credit.
- (c) The price of phosphoric acid does not have impact on the supply of DAP to the farmers as DAP is available to the farmers throughout the country at the uniform Maximum Retail Price (MRP) announced by the Government under the Concession Scheme for decontrolled fertilizers.

^{*}Not in operation since January, 1999.