

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) whether the Union Government have any plan to offer further special subsidy on the purchase of fertilizers for farmers considering that most of the fertilizer units are being disinvested;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (DR. CHHATTRA PAL SINGH)

(a) to (c): No, Sir. Benefit of subsidy/concession, being extended to farmers by making available fertilizers at affordable prices, is independent of the disinvestment in the fertilizer public sector undertakings.