

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

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FERTILIZER POLICY  
RAGHUNANDAN LAL BHATIA;RAGHUVANSH PRASAD SINGH

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

- (a) : whether the Government are going to organise road shows across the country to discuss draft fertilizer policy;
- (b) : if so, whether its financial implications have been taken into Consideration;
- (c) : whether the draft policy would be put on the internet to seek views of the concerned people;
- (d) : if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) : the features of the new fertilizer policy and time by which the final decision regarding finalisation of the new fertilizer policy is likely to be taken?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI RAMESH BAIS)

- (a): Government propose to obtain the views of all concerned on the draft outline of the long term fertilizer policy by holding discussions with the stakeholders which may include the State Governments, farmers, fertilizer industry and others.
- (b): No separate expenditure head has been created for incurring the expenses towards holding meetings for discussing the long term fertilizer policy. The expenses will be met from the allocated funds under the head of office expenses.
- (c) & (d): The Government propose to put the draft long term fertilizer policy on the web site of the Department of Fertilizers to seek views of the concerned people.
- (e): Main features of the 'Long Term Policy' are removal of aberrations in the existing system, feedstock policy, policy on joint ventures, new pricing policy, policy for creation of new capacity, removal of distribution controls on urea, long term demand- supply estimates and WTO related matters. New fertilizer policy, incorporating the views of stakeholders, will be announced after obtaining the approval of the competent authority.