

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

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SUBSIDY TO FARMERS

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

- (a) whether the Government has chalked out new formula for providing fertilizers subsidy to farmers directly;
- (b) if so, the manner in which the subsidy would be related to the application of technology under the Radio Frequencies Identification Device (RFID) and the time by when it is likely to be implemented;
- (c) the details of the awareness programmes organized or any training provided to the farmers for the use/application of this device;
- (d) whether the Government proposes to cut down the subsidy through this method;
- (e) if so, the details thereof;
- (f) the basis on which the subsidy would be provided on minor nutrients like Nitrogen, Phosphorus, Potash, Sulphur and Zinc Calcium etc.;
- (g) whether any prior assessment has been done with regard to effect on the productivity of crops are a result thereof; and
- (h) the States where the said scheme is proposed to be implemented initially?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI B.K. HANDIQUE)

(a) No, Sir.

(b) to (h) Do not arise.