

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

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RESTRUCTURING OF FERTILIZERS SUBSIDY REGIME
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Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Union Government plans to restructure the existing fertilizers subsidy regime as the soil chemistry in several regions has been affected by overuse of certain fertilizers;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether as part of this restructuring the existing product based subsidy regime will be replaced by a nutrient based subsidy regime to promote balanced use of fertilizers across the country; and
- (d) if so, that details thereof ?

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) to (d): A Group of Minister (GOM) has been constituted to look into the issues related to sustainable use of fertilizer, and pertinent subsidy and pricing issues. The issues relating to deteriorating soil health, existing subsidy regime and nutrient based subsidy have also been placed before the GOM.