

Title: Need to recover subsidy overdrawn by Urea Manufacturers -Laid.

SHRI J.S. BRAR (FARIDKOT) : The Government granted subsidy to urea manufactures from 1977. Subsidy has been linked to fuel cost. Urea units became fuel-efficient and from 1994 onwards they were spending less and less on fuel. This has called for reduction in the amount of subsidy payable to them. But urea manufactures continued to draw subsidy at the old rate even after 1997. The Department of Fertilizers computed recoverable amount over three thousand crores up to March, 2000 and over one thousand one hundred crores from April, 2001. It is strange that no visible results have been produced.

I request the Union Government to work out the overdrawn subsidies and effect recovery with due interest without any further delay.