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Title: Need to review and withdraw the decision to decontrol urea prices.

SHRI JOSE K. MANI (KOTTAYAM): Fertilizer is the topmost input for agricultural and its increased productivity. However for the last many seasons, the rainfall were erratic and to make up for this, farmers had to resort to excess use of fertilizers to meet their targets. The major share of India's Urea requirement is produced domestically. But the requirements for grades like Phosphate and Potash fertilizers are met totally out of imports. The ruling global prices of both grades have risen four-fold adversely impacting the availability of compounded fertilizers in Indian market. Therefore, the farmers have to depend heavily on Urea for their requirement both for cash crops and food crops. Now the Government's decision to decontrol the urea prices has compounded the situation further. Even before the decontrol, there was acute shortage of fertilizers in Kerala during peak period of June and July. This anti-farmer step of the Government, based on its current policy of nutrient-based subsidy rationalization, has resulted into most harmful for the farmer. This policy is likely to witness an immediate hike of Rs. 500 per ton for Urea.

Taken together, it seems that the newly announced decontrol of Urea prices will lead to total scarcity of Urea and the compounded grades in the market affecting small and marginal farmers. I would, therefore, urge the Centre to revoke anti-farmer decision of de-controlling Urea prices at this crucial stage.

MADAM SPEAKER: Item No. 10. Shri Namo Narain Meena.

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14.03 hrs.

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At this stage Shri Jagdish Sharma, Shri Dilip Kumar Mansukhlal Gandhi, Shri Shailendra Kumar and some other hon. Members came and stood on the floor near the Table

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