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Title: Need to ensure availability of fertilizers at affordable price to the farmers of the country.

DR. RATNA DE (HOOGHLY): I would like to raise a few important issues which have directly affected the farmers of the country. The prices of fertilizers needs to be revised or a bonus is to be announced on the existing M.S.P. as the same has resulted increase in the prevailing market price. Prices of fertilizers are going up unabatedly for the last many years. Our Chief Minister followed up with the Prime Minister vide her letter dated 8th Feb, 2012 seeking immediate resolution by taking urgent steps to ensure availability of decontrolled fertilizers to the small and marginal farmers with a view to prevent further distress amongst the poorer sections of the farming community. From time to time, Hon'ble Chief Minister had highlighted the gravity of the situation and requested the Government to ensure that the prices of fertilizers are not increased and availability of fertilizers is smooth and easily accessible to the farmers of the country. I hope Union Government would look into it positively and do the needful with immediate effect.