

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS
DEPARTMENT OF FERTILIZERS
RAJYA SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 829 TO BE ANSWERED ON: 03.12.2024

Fixed Component for Domestic Urea Producers

829: DR. AJEET MADHAVRAO GOPCHADE:

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

- (a) when the Fixed Component for Domestic Urea producers was revised last time;
- (b) whether Government had set up a Committee to tackle the Fixed Component issue concerning ₹ 2,300 per metric tonne policy introduced in 2019 for Rashtriya Chemicals and Fertilizers Ltd., National Fertilizers Ltd., and KRIBHCO, given that these PSUs/Cooperative units have not been benefited from the policy;
- (c) if so, the details of recommendations of the Committee and implementation status thereof; and
- (d) the details of all correspondence with the Department of Expenditure including all responses received from Department of Expenditure, till date?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS
(SMT. ANUPRIYA PATEL)

(a): The Fixed Cost Component for Urea Units was last revised based on cost data of 2002-03 under New Pricing Scheme-III notified on 08.03.2007. There after, the Department of Fertilizers issued Modified NPS-III on 2nd April 2014 for existing Urea units, which includes payment of an Additional Fixed Cost of Rs.350/MT to all the units; Special compensation of Rs.150/MT to Urea Plants that have completed 30 Years and Converted to Gas; and Minimum fixed cost of Rs. 2300/MT or actual fixed cost prevailing during 2012-13, whichever is lower.

However, vide notification dated 30.03.2020, the provision of Minimum fixed cost of Rs.2300/MT had been deleted from the Modified NPS-III while there was no change in the rest of the provisions of Modified NPS-III.

(b) to (d): As per the observation of Expenditure Finance Committee (EFC) that the issues related to the costing of Urea units may be referred to Chief Advisor (Cost) in the Ministry of Finance for examination and recommendation, the Department of Fertilizers requested Department of Expenditure that the Chief Advisor (Cost) may examine and give recommendations on reinstating the provisions of the minimum fixed cost of Rs. 2300/MT under the Modified NPS-III with retrospective effect i.e. from 2nd April 2014. The matter is under examination.