

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS
DEPARTMENT OF FERTILIZERS
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2638
TO BE ANSWERED ON : **01.08.2017**

CUT IN UREA CONSUMPTION

2638. SHRI RAJAN VICHARE:

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

- (a) whether the Government has formulated any innovative solution to cut urea consumption; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT & HIGHWAYS
SHIPPING AND CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS

(SHRI MANSUKH L. MANDAVIYA)

(a) & (b): Madam, in order to increase the use efficiency of Urea, the Government of India has specified Neem Coated Urea (NCU) in the Fertilizer Control Order, 1985. The Nitrogen use efficiency of NCU is 5-10% higher than the plain urea. Further, Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare is promoting soil test based balanced application of fertilizers in conjunction with bio fertilizers and organic fertilizers. The Government of India has introduced Soil Health Card (SHC) scheme with an aim to assist all State Governments to evaluate fertility in all farm holding across the country and issue soil health cards to farmers regularly in a cycle of 2 years. Soil Health Card provides information to farmers on nutrient status of their soil along with recommendations on appropriate dosage on nutrients to be applied for improving soil health & its fertility.
