## GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETROCHEMICALS

## LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3723 TO BE ANSWERED ON 22.12.2015 PRICES OF PETROCHEMICALS

3723. SHRI P.R. SENTHIL NATHAN

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

- (a) Whether it is true that the Union Government does not monitor the prices of petrochemicals and if so, the details thereof; and
- (b) Whether any step is being taken by the Government to protect the customers/common people from steady increase in the prices of petrochemicals by the companies and if so, the details thereof?

## **ANSWER**

## MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI HANSRAJ GANGARAM AHIR)

- (a) The Union Government does not monitor the prices of petrochemicals.
- (b) Governemnt has taken various ease of doing business initiatives such as deregulation of the petrochemical sector and allowing 100% Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) under the automatic route to facilitate fresh investments. The petrochemicals are freely allowed for import-export. These measures will help to enhance the production and trade of petrochemicals, thereby facilatiting their availability to the customers in a cost effective manner.