# NUTRIENT BASED SUBSIDY AND ITS IMPACT ON DOMESTIC FERTILISER DEMAND



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#### **NUTRIENT BASED SUBSIDY (NBS)**

- NBS is the first step in Reforms process in Indian Fertiliser Sector
- To begin with, NBS has been introduced on phosphatic and potassic fertilisers w.e.f. 1<sup>st</sup> April, 2010
- NBS is applicable on DAP, MOP, MAP, TSP and 12 grades of complex fertilisers
- Subsidy under NBS is same both for domestic and imported fertiliser products
- > NBS for SSP introduced w.e.f. 1st May, 2010
- Primary nutrients, namely N, P and K and secondary nutrient, namely Sulphur (S) contained in the fertilisers are eligible for subsidy
- In addition, primary freight is also borne by the Government.



#### **NUTRIENT BASED SUBSIDY**

- 20% of the decontrolled fertilisers can be in the movement control under the ECA
- Manufacturers of customised fertilisers and mixture fertilisers are eligible to source subsidised fertilisers as raw material for their products
- Subsidy will be released through the industry.
- Implementation of NBS Procedure simplified.



# NUTRIENT BASED SUBSIDY AND TRADE POLICY

- Import of all fertiliser products is under Open General License (OGL) except urea
- Import of Urea is canalised for the present
- Applicable rate of Import (Customs) duty is 5% on fertiliser products.



#### RATE OF SUBSIDY PER KG OF NUTRIENT

The per kg NBS for nutrient 'N' 'P' 'K' and 'S' for 2010-11 w. e. f 1st April 2010 are as follows:

| SI no. | Nutrients | NBS per Kg of nutrient |          |
|--------|-----------|------------------------|----------|
|        |           | In Rs.                 | In US \$ |
| 1      | "N"       | 23.227                 | 0.50     |
| 2      | "P"       | 26.276                 | 0.57     |
| 3      | "K"       | 24.487                 | 0.53     |
| 4      | "S"       | 1.784                  | 0.04     |



#### RATE OF SUBSIDY PER TONNE OF P & K FERTILISERS – 2010-11

| Fertilisers | NBS per tonne |           |
|-------------|---------------|-----------|
|             | (in Rs.)      | (in US\$) |
| DAP         | 16268         | 353.65    |
| MAP         | 16219         | 352.59    |
| TSP         | 12087         | 262.76    |
| MOP         | 14692         | 319.39    |
| 16-20-0-13  | 9203          | 200.07    |
| 20-20-0-13  | 10133         | 220.28    |
| 23-23-0-0   | 11386         | 247.52    |
| 10-26-26-0  | 15521         | 337.41    |
| 12-32-16-0  | 15114         | 328.57    |



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| Fertilisers                     | NBS per tonne |           |
|---------------------------------|---------------|-----------|
|                                 | (in Rs.)      | (in US\$) |
| 14-28-14-0                      | 14037         | 305.15    |
| 14-35-14-0                      | 15877         | 345.15    |
| 15-15-15-0                      | 11099         | 241.28    |
| 20-20-0-0                       | 9901          | 215.24    |
| 28-28-0-0                       | 13861         | 301.33    |
| 17-17-17-0                      | 12578         | 273.43    |
| 19-19-19-0                      | 14058         | 305.61    |
| Ammonium Sulphate (FACT & GSFC) | 5195          | 112.93    |
| SSP (w.e.f. 1.5.2010)           | 4400          | 95.65     |

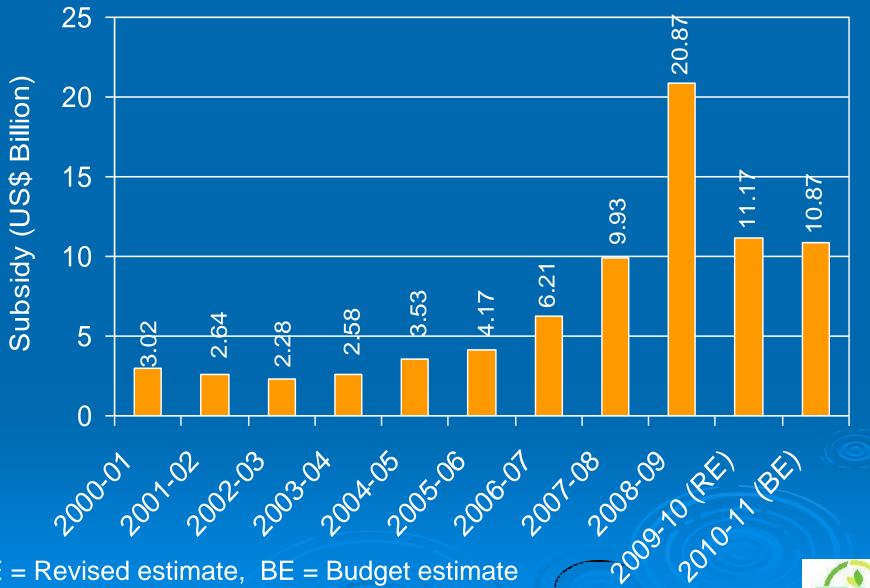


### ADDITIONAL SUBSIDY PER TONNE FOR FORTIFIED FERTILISERS – 2010-11

| SI. No. | Nutrients for fortification | fortification fortified fertilisers |           |
|---------|-----------------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------|
|         | as per FCO                  | (In Rs.)                            | (In US\$) |
| 1.      | Boron 'Bn'                  | 300                                 | 6.52      |
| 2.      | Zinc 'Zn'                   | 500                                 | 10.87     |



#### **TOTAL SUBSIDY ON FERTILISERS**



RE = Revised estimate, BE = Budget estimate



#### MAXIMUM RETAIL PRICE (MRP)

- MRP of urea has been raised by 10% from Rs.4830 (US\$ 105) per tonne to Rs.5310 (US\$ 115.4) per tonne w.e.f 1.4.2010
- MRPs of P & K subsidised fertilisers will be determined based on demand-supply balance and fixed by the marketers
- Marketers will be required to print retail price along with applicable subsidy on the fertiliser bags.



#### **IMPACT OF NBS**

- Indian soils are suffering from multi-nutrient deficiencies.
  NBS is expected to promote balanced and integrated use of plant nutrients
- ➤ NBS is expected to project actual demand of fertiliser nutrients in the country and facilitate their imports within manageable limits
- Will induce investments both in India and overseas.



### ASSESSMENT OF IMPLEMENTATION OF NBS

- Adequate availability of fertilisers
- Farmers prices have not been impacted
- Fiscal management of subsidy in the Budget within limits
- Encourages development of new/ innovative products. Basket of products being enlarged
- Efficient use of fertilisers will reduce the demand and increase agricultural production
- Demand for fertilisers can come down substantially in adverse situations.



### PRESENT USE OF UREA AND SSP INDIA vis-a-vis OTHER COUNTRIES

| Country | % share of N through urea to total N consumption | Country   | % share of P<br>through SSP to<br>total P<br>consumption |
|---------|--|-----------|--|
| India   | 82.8   | Egypt     | 92.8   |
| China   | 62.8   | Brazil    | 30.5   |
| Brazil  | 56.0   | China     | 28.6   |
| Canada  | 41.5   | Uruguay   | 18.8   |
| France  | 13.1   | Argentina | 12.9   |
| U.K     | 6.8  | India     | 6.6  |
| USA     | 19.9   |           |  |
| World   | 53.3   | World     | 13.5   |

NBS will lead to product shift



#### NEW PRODUCTS AND NBS

- Customised fertilisers
- Water soluble fertilisers
- Fortified fertilisers



### TOWARDS SELF-SUFFICIENCY IN UREA PRODUCTION

- With the availability of gas from RIL and other sources, feedstock availability to urea units is comfortable
- A couple of units have expanded capacity through revamp/ debottlenecking, viz., IFFCO-Aonla I & II, Phulpur I & II; Tata Chemicals-Babrala; Chambal Fertilisers I & II, etc.
- Revamp in a few other units are underway, viz., KRIBHCO-Hazira and NFL-Vijaipur
- Brown field expansion of IFFCO-Kalol, RCF-Thal, Chambal Fert-Gadepan III, Indo Gulf-Jagdishpur, Tata Chemicals- Babrala are at advanced stages
- Over 6 million tonnes will be added to the present capacity of 22 million tonnes in addition, there will be assured availability of 1.65 million tonnes from the JV -OMIFCO
- India will again become self-sufficient in urea production shortly. It may also export some urea.



# CUSTOMISED FERTILISERS NOTIFIED FOR MANUFACTURE

| Company                 | Formulations |                    |  |
|-------------------------|--------------|--------------------|--|
| Tata Chemicals Ltd.     | N:P:K:S:Zn   | 8:24::8:7:0.5      |  |
|                         |              | 10:40:10:2:0.5     |  |
|                         |              | 12:24:12:5:0.5     |  |
|                         |              | 10:13:12:6:2       |  |
|                         | N:P:K:S:Zn:B | 8:24:16:6:0.5:0.18 |  |
| Nagarjuna Fertilizers & | N:P:K:Zn     | 15:32:8:0.5        |  |
| Chemicals Ltd.          |              | 18:33:7:0.5        |  |
|                         |              | 18:27:14:0.5       |  |
|                         |              | 18:24:11:0.5       |  |
|                         | N:P:K        | 23:0:12            |  |
|                         |              | 27:0:10            |  |

# CUSTOMISED FERTILISERS NOTIFIED FOR MANUFACTURE

| Company   | Formulations       |  |
|---|--------------------|--|
| Deepak Fertilizers & Petrochemicals Corporation | N:P:K:S:Mg:Zn:B:Fe | 10:20:10:5:2:0.5:0.3:0.2<br>20:10:10:5:2:0.5:0.3:0.2<br>15:15:15:5:2:0.5:0:0.2<br>10:20:20:3:2:0:5:0.3:0.2 |
| Coromandel<br>International Ltd.                | N:P:K:S:Zn:B       | 15:15:15:9:0.5:0.2<br>20:0:15:0:0:0.2  |



#### CONCLUSION

- Introduction of NBS on P & K fertilisers is the first major step towards comprehensive reform in the fertiliser sector
- > Farmers will have access to new efficient products
- Deficiencies of sulphur and micro nutrients being addressed
- NBS will encourage investments in India and overseas
- Reforms will address fiscal management of subsidy bill
- Global trade to India will be more holistic including macro and micro nutrients
- In due course, there can be changes in NBS policy and finally fertiliser prices may be market driven without any subsidy.



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#### Thank you

