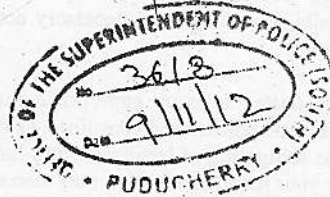


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Secretary

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Dear Mr. Chadha,



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Ministry of Chemicals & Fertilizers
Department of Fertilizers
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27th September, 2012

As you are aware the Department of Fertilizers facilitates availability of fertilizers (both indigenous production as well as from imports) to meet the agricultural requirements of all the States. Over a period of time, the demand for fertilizers is increasing not only in our country but the world over. In the past few years the international prices of fertilizers has increased substantially with the result that the gap between the prevailing MRP of fertilizers in our country and the international prices has widen very significantly.

For the above reasons and the fact that we have a long international land border and a very long coastline, there is every possibility that the fertilizers may be smuggled out of the country in view of the huge difference between the international prices and the MRP in the country. In addition there are complaints of diversion of subsidized fertilizers for industrial/non-agriculture use.

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The smuggling of fertilizers to bordering countries as well as diversion towards industrial/non-agriculture use can lead to shortages in the agricultural sector thus adversely affecting our agricultural productivity/production.

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In view of the above, I would request you to kindly issue instructions to all enforcement agencies under your jurisdiction to keep a strict vigil and to check smuggling of fertilizers from India to other neighbouring countries through land and sea routes. You may also activate these agencies for taking all necessary steps under Fertilizer Control Order (FCO), 1983 for preventing misuse of subsidized fertilizers, hoarding/black-marketing/breach of MRP and tagging of fertilizer.

I shall be grateful if you could keep us informed of the steps taken by you in this regard as well as any such instance, which come to your notice.

With regards,

Yours/sincerely,

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Smuggling of fertilizer
to be contained.

SHO's for N/A

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INSPECTOR OF POLICE
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