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(G. Devarajan, National Secretary of the All India Forward Bloc
has issued the following statement on Urea Price Hike)

UREA PRICE HIKE: DETRIMENTAL TO THE AGRICULTURE

The government's decision to hike the price of urea by 10% will be detrimental to the agricultural sector of the country, which is facing serious crisis due to anti farmer policies of the government and the pressure from WTO.

Giving free hand to the fertilizer producers to fix the retail prices will lead large scale hoarding, black-marketing and price rise.

It is reported that everyday on an average 2000 farmers are quitting agriculture activities due to low income and high loss. The suicidal saga of farmers is still continuing even after so-called 'agriculture packages'. It shows that all the schemes and packages have become 'paper tigers'

The latest Economic Review made by the Prime Minister's Economic Advisory Council also projected that the agriculture sector of our country is facing serious crisis and the growth will be -0.2 percent, which alarms the whole nation.

The Urea price hike and its deregulation will further aggravate the crisis and will force more farmers to quit agriculture and to commit suicide.

The All India Forward Bloc urges upon the government to withdraw the decision immediately and ensure more public investment for agriculture and take sufficient measures to bring back the confidence of the farmers.

(G. Devarajan)
Secretary