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Dear Sir,

**Provision of Urea at Rs. 1200 per 50 kg bag to Tea, Rubber and Coconut Smallholders
less than 5 acres**

The Government has decided to provide Urea at Rs. 1200 per 50 kg bag for Tea, Rubber and Coconut smallholders owning less than 5 Acres. Under this programme the maximum retail price will be fixed at Rs. 1200 per 50 kg bag of Urea with effect from 5th May 2006. As per the decision taken at the meeting held at the Temple Trees chaired by H.E. the President, the retail price of Urea throughout the island has been fixed in order to ensure that Urea will be available at Rs. 1200 per 50 kg bag for tea, rubber and coconut smallholders less than 5 acres.

Therefore, with immediate effect, this subsidy should be confined only to tea, rubber and coconut smallholders less than 5 acres and distribution of fertilizer at subsidized prices to this sector will be carried out through private sector fertilizer companies.

The subsidy applicable to Urea at retail level will be Rs. 15,000 per m.t and will be reviewed a year after.

In order to ensure smooth implementation of the proposed subsidy you are requested to work out a suitable mechanism in consultation with the relevant departments, agencies and the Director General of the Department of Development Finance of this Ministry

Yours faithfully



P.B. Jayasundera
Secretary to the Treasury

Copy : Director, National Fertilizer Secretariat - to inform the private fertilizer importers.

Chairman, Tea Smallholding Development Authority

Chairman, Rubber Development Department

Chairman, Coconut Cultivation Board

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