

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS  
DEPARTMENT OF FERTILIZERS

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**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1323 TO BE ANSWERED ON : 09.02. 2024**

**Expenditure on Fertilizers**

**1323: MS. DEBASREE CHAUDHURI:**

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

- (a) the details of the Government expenditure on fertilizers in the country for the year 2023-24;
- (b) whether any steps have been taken/proposed to be taken to solve the issue of rising price of chemical fertilizers, including substitution with organic fertilizers in the country;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (d) whether the One Nation One Fertilizer Policy has helped with minimizing cost of fertilizers in the country as promised; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF STATE FOR CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS  
**(SHRI BHAGWANTH KHUBA)**

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(a): Government provides subsidy on various fertilizers to ensure adequate availability of fertilizers at affordable prices to farmers. The subsidy provided for fertilizers in the country for the year 2023-24 (as on 31.01.24) is Rs.1,70,923 Crore.

(b) & (c): The Government has implemented Nutrient Based Subsidy Policy w.e.f. 1.4.2010 for Phosphatic and Potassic (P&K) Fertilizers. Under the policy, a fixed amount of subsidy, decided on annual/semi-annual basis, is provided on notified P&K fertilizers depending on their nutrient content. Under this policy, MRP is fixed by fertilizer companies as per market dynamics at reasonable level which is monitored by the Government. Accordingly, any farmer of India including poor and marginal farmers who buy these fertilizers gets benefits of subsidy. So far as Urea is concerned, Urea is provided to the farmers at a statutorily notified Maximum Retail Price (MRP). The MRP of 45 kg bag of urea is Rs.242 per bag (exclusive of charges towards neem coating and taxes as applicable).

The Government has approved the Market Development Assistance (MDA)@ Rs. 1500/MT to promote organic fertilizers, i.e. manure produced at plants under GOBARdhan initiative and PM-PRANAM for a period of three years (FY 2023-24 to 2025-26).

The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) in its meeting held on 28th June, 2023 has approved PM-PRANAM (PM Programme for Restoration, Awareness Generation, Nourishment and Amelioration of Mother Earth) which aims to complement the efforts initiated by States/UTs to save the health of Mother Earth by promoting sustainable and balanced use of fertilizers, adopting alternate fertilizers, promoting organic farming and implementing resource conservation technologies.

(d) & (e): Vide notification dated 24<sup>th</sup> August, 2022, Government of India has decided to implement 'One Nation One Fertilizers' by introducing Single Brand and Logo for fertilizers under 'Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Jan Urvarak Pariyojna' (PMBJP). The implementation of PMBJP has enhanced the availability basket of fertilizers, taking care of dilemma among farmers in choosing from plethora of brands available in the market and helps in reducing the criss-cross movement and ensuring timely supply of fertilizers.

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