

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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PURCHASE OF FERTILISERS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether huge increase has been registered in the purchase of fertilisers despite the implementation of nutrient based fertilisers subsidy scheme;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the details of the financial assistance provided by the Union Government to the States to tackle the problem of drought during the current year?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (PROF. K.V. THOMAS)

(a) & (b): The Nutrient Based Subsidy (NBS) policy came into existence with effect from 01-04-2010, mainly focused on P&K fertilizers. No purchases on Government account for P&K fertilizers were made during the period from 01-04-2010 till date. However, the purchase (import) of decontrolled P&K fertilizers during Kharif 2010 compared to kharif 2009 is Annexed. (Annexure- I).

(c): The Central share of financial assistance is as follows:-

Bihar Rs. 250.87 crores
Jharkhand Rs. 194.59 crores
Orissa Rs. 146.85 crores
West Bengal Rs.228.62 crores