

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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SUBSIDY ON FERTILIZERS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the sectors in which subsidy is being provided to the farmers along with the percentage of subsidy provided on fertilizers;
- (b) whether subsidy on fertilizers produced by private companies including TATA is provided uniformly across the country, if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether there is shortage of availability of fertilizer in various States including Uttar Pradesh;
- (d) if so, the corrective steps taken by the Government in this regard;
- (e) whether the distribution/benefit of such subsidy actually reach the needy farmers; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (DR. SANJEEV KUMAR BALYAN)

- (a): Government supports agricultural activities in various States by providing financial and technical support through various development missions/schemes including support for inputs to increase resource use efficiency. Subsidy provided on fertilisers during 2013- 14 amounted to about Rs 71,251 crore.
- (b): Subsidy on Urea is paid to the fertiliser companies including TATA as a difference between the delivered price and statutory price fixed by Government of India. Subsidy on Phosphatic & Potassic fertilisers is provided on the basis of nutrient content and paid to all the companies including TATA uniformly across the country.
- (c): There is no shortage of availability of fertilisers in various states including Uttar Pradesh.
- (d): Does not arise.
- (e) & (f): Yes, Madam. Urea and 22 grades of Phosphatic & Potassic fertilisers are made available to farmers through detailed supply plan coordinated by Department of Fertilisers, Department of Agriculture & Cooperation and State Governments.