

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS
DEPARTMENT OF FERTILIZERS

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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 239 TO BE ANSWERED ON 05.02.2019

Supply of Fertilizers

239: SHRI RAHUL KASWAN:

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

- (a) Whether the Government proposes to provide fertilizers at subsidized rates to all the farmers in the country;
- (b) If so, the name of such fertilizers;
- (c) Whether it is a fact that farmers are not getting fertilizers and the subsidy on time;
- (d) If so, the details thereof;
- (e) Whether the Government has formulated any plan for improvement in this regard and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND MINISTER OF STATE IN MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS

(RAO INDERJIT SINGH)

(a) & (b): Urea is made applicable to farmers at MRP statutorily fixed by the Government of India and at present it is Rs. 242 for a 45 kg bag of urea (exclusive of charges towards neem coating and taxes as applicable) and Rs 268 per 50 kg bag of urea (exclusive of charges towards neem coating and taxes as applicable).

The Government is implementing Nutrient Based Subsidy (NBS) Scheme w.e.f. 1.4.2010 for P&K fertilizers. Under the said Scheme, a fixed amount of subsidy decided on annual basis, is provided on each grade of subsidized Phosphatic & Potassic (P&K) fertilizers depending upon its Nutrient Content. As the P&K fertilizers are decontrolled, the Maximum Retail Price (MRP) is fixed by Companies as per market dynamics at reasonable level. The MRP printed on each bag of these fertilizers, is inclusive of subsidy given by the Government of India. Accordingly, any farmer, who is procuring these fertilizers at MRP, is availing the benefit of subsidy. List of P&K fertilizers registered under the NBS Scheme is as under:

S. No	Name of fertilizers
1	DAP : 18-46-0-0
2	MOP : 0-0-60-0
3	SSP: 0-16-0-11
4	NPS 20-20-0-13
5	NPK 10-26-26-0
6	NP 20-20-0-0
7	NPK 15-15-15
8	NP 24-24-0-0
9	AS: 20.5-0-0-23
10	NP 28-28-0-0
11	NPK 17-17-17
12	NPK 19-19-19
13	NPK 16-16-16-0
14	NPS 16-20-0-13
15	NPK 14-35-14
16	NPS 24-24-0-8*
17	MAP : 11-52-0-0
18	TSP : 0-46-0-0
19	NPK 12-32-16
20	NPK 14-28-14
21	NPKS 15-15-15-09

(c) & (d): No, Madam. Availability of subsidized fertilizers (Urea, DAP, MOP & NPK) in the country for ongoing Rabi Season 2018-19 i.e from October 2018 to as on date (31.01.2019) is 116.42 LMT, 40.78 LMT, 10.65 LMT and 41.71 LMT against the sales of 111.95 LMT, 29.71 LMT, 7.57 LMT and 26.75 LMT respectively (Source : iFMS).

It can be seen from the above table that availability of all chemical fertilizers against sales is sufficient/ adequate and there is no shortage of fertilizers. Therefore, there is no report of shortage from any State Government/UT.

The difference between the delivered cost of fertilizers at farm gate and net market realization by the urea units is given as subsidy to the urea manufacturer/importer by the Government of India.

(e): In view of the above, question does not arise.
