

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
DEPARTMENT OF FERTILIZERS

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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1872 TO BE ANSWERED ON: 03.03.2020

Fertilizer Consumption

1872. SHRI LAVU SRI KRISHNA DEVARAYALU:

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

- (a) whether it is true that fertilizer consumption has been reducing since 2011 and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the fall in consumption may be attributed to rising fertilizer prices; and
- (c) whether the Government is aware of a fertilizer black market and if so, the steps taken to curb it?

ANSWER

MINISTER FOR CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS

(SHRI D.V. SADANANDA GOWDA)

(a) & (b): Sir. There is no fixed trend in fertilizer consumption as evident from the figures annexed at **Annexure- 'A'**. Also, the pattern of consumption of fertilizers in the country cannot be only attributed to the fertilizer prices.

Urea is being 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) and the MRP of 50 kg bag of urea is Rs.268 per bag (exclusive of charges towards neem coating and taxes as applicable). The difference between the delivered cost of urea 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. Accordingly, all farmers are being supplied urea at the subsidized rates.

Also, Government of India 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 basis, is provided on subsidized P&K fertilizers depending on their nutrient content with an objective to make available these fertilizers to farmers at a reduced price. Under this policy, MRP is fixed by fertilizer companies as per market dynamics at reasonable level. Average MRP of P&K fertilizers from the year 2010-11 to 2018-19 are at **Annexure -'B'**.

(c): Government of India has declared fertilizer as an essential commodity under the Essential Commodities Act, 1955 and notified Fertilizer Control Order, 1985 and Fertilizer (Movement Control) Order, 1973. State Governments have been adequately empowered to ensure selling of fertilizers at MRP besides stopping black marketing/smuggling of fertilizers. State Governments are empowered to conduct search, make seizures and take punitive action against any person violating provisions of FCO, 1985 and Essential Commodities Act, 1955.

Strict instructions have been issued to all State Governments for the effective monitoring of the fertilizer distribution and regular steps are being taken by the State Government to curb black-marketing of fertilizers. In order to check black-marketing, special raids are also organised in all districts of the State during Kharif and Rabi season. To maintain the availability of fertilizers in all parts of State, the supply monitoring are carried out by the senior officers of the Government at State and district level so that artificial scarcity cannot be created and reduce the chances of black marketing.

ALL INDIA PRODUCT WISE FERTILIZERS GROUP SALES FIGURES

YEAR	UREA	DAP	MOP	NPKS	P&K	OVERALL TOTAL (UREA+P&K)
2011-12	294.77	111.96	29.92	113.98	255.87	550.64
2012-13	301.61	92.30	21.34	77.33	190.97	492.58
2013-14	304.54	69.03	21.92	75.16	166.11	470.65
2014-15	308.74	75.57	27.80	85.98	189.35	498.09
2015-16	319.68	97.47	24.23	92.68	214.39	534.07
2016-17	296.07	88.23	28.21	86.58	203.02	499.10
2017-18	303.31	89.85	31.93	90.75	212.54	515.85
2018-19	320.04	87.35	26.98	95.66	209.99	530.03
2019-20 (TILL JAN 2020)	294.18	91.82	23.15	90.42	205.39	499.57

* For the Year 2011-12 to 2017-18 SALES FIGURES ARE BASED ON FIRST POINT SALES.

**FOR THE YEAR 2018-19 to 2019-20 (TILL JAN 2020) SALES FIGURES ARE BASED ON DBT SALES.(Source: iFMS Dashboard)

*** P&K Group of Fertilizers consists of DAP, MOP and NPKS.

Annexure - B

Sl. No	Grades of Fertilizers	Average MRP in Rs/MT of P&K fertilizers fixed by the fertilizer companies under the Nutrient Based Subsidy regime											
		2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19			
1	DAP : 18-46-0-0	10150	17749.25	26311	25183.5	24620	25020	23213.26	22099.07	26943.79			
2	MAP : 11-52-0-0	9950	19400	23150	0	0	0	0	0				
3	TSP : 0-46-0-0	8057	12528.5	17000	17000	0	0	0	0				
4	MOP : 0-0-60-0	5055	10361	20556	17972	17664	16514.13476	12734.57	11868.36	16188.17			
5	16-20-0-13	6765	13661.25	17878	17377.5	18250	17695.8229	17192.06	16599.17	19479.17			
6	20-20-0-13	7512.5	14450	21187	21664	21039.975	18591.26257	18241.08	17511.11	19696.06			
7	23-23-0-0	7445											
8	10-26-26-0	8866.6667	14982.25	22189	21683.25	23022.2	22623.34102	21838.58	21628.95	24895.05			
9	12-32-16-0	8737	15153.25	22900	22295	22626.125	22632.70983	22055.94	21765.60	25272.41			
10	14-28-14-0	NA	15989.5	0	0	0	0	0	0				
11	14-35-14-0	9900	15448.395	22667	22555	23860	24813.73616	23501.78	22791.36	27302.78			
12	15-15-15-0	7421	10550	15311	15262.5	17657.25	0	0	18121.93	20092.98			
13	AS. 20.3-0-0-23	8375	9878	11013	11271.25	13285	12947.75	13245.83	13140.18	12824.38			
14	20-20-0-0	6609.6667	14515.25	21828	16705.75	17281.75	17713.8938	17747.23	16426.46	18291.67			
15	28-28-0-0	11181	16190.6125	24086	22782.25	23710	24846.14772	23404.84	22620.00	27341.67			
16	17-17-17-0		17710	20578	22715.75	23231.48	#REF!	20997.44	19857.90	22841.67			
17	19-19-19-0		18093	19241	20356.90667	16578.75	23071.30116	22271.86	21658.94	24700			
18	SSP(0-16-0-11)*	3200	3200	7000	9613.333333	10708.75	7172.821978	7331.33					
19	16-16-16-0	7100	11150	15200	17666.66667	18000	18485.75	17921.97	17799.35	19745.45			
20	DAP lite (16-44-0-0)	NA	17090	24333	23428.25	0	0	0					
21	15-15-15-09	6800	13200.25	15000	15335	17095.333	18388.75	17741.57	17782.53	18400			
22	24-24-0-0	7768	12249.5	16466	18136.25	13293.333	22397.82682	20899.48	20476.30	25019.44			
23	24-24-0-8					21000	22141.50066	20614.61	19685.45	24408.33			
24	13-33-0-6		17000										
25	MAP lite (11-44-0-0)		17333.33333										
26	0)		17296.66667										

* MRP w.e.f. 1.10. 2009 to April 2010 was open

MRP is exclusive of Taxes

Blank space/NA means not available/not under subsidy scheme.

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