

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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UNSTARRED Question NO. 1463 TO BE ANSWERED ON 20.12.2022

Fertilizer Production in West Bengal

1463: SHRI ABIR RANJAN BISWAS:

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

- (a) the details of the hike in prices of fertilizers since 2014, year-wise;
- (b) the total number of fertilizer and urea plants established in the State of West Bengal, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government is taking the initiative to increase the present capacity of urea plants across West Bengal, if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

MINISTR OF STATE FOR CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS

(SHRI BHAGWANTH KHUBA)

(a) : The details of MRP of Urea (exclusive of charges towards neem coating and Central/State levies/GST) since 2014 is as under:

Year	Rs. Per MT	Rs. Per Bag
From 01.11.2012 to 28.02.2018	5360	268 (50 Kg Bag)
From 01.03.2018 till date	5377.77	242 (45 Kg Bag)

Urea is being provided to the farmers at a statutorily notified Maximum Retail Price (MRP). The MRP of 50 kg bag of urea was Rs.268 per bag (exclusive of charges towards neem coating and taxes as applicable). However, consequent upon introduction of 45 kg bag of urea, the MRP of 45 kg bag was notified as Rs.242 per bag(exclusive of charges towards neem coating and taxes as applicable)w.e.f. 01.03.2018, which comes to around Rs.5377.77/MT (i.e. an increase of around Rs.17.77/MT).

The prices of P&K fertilizers are de-controlled under the Nutrient Based Subsidy (NBS) policy. Accordingly, MRP is fixed by fertilizer companies as per market dynamics at reasonable level which is monitored by the Government. The subsidy rates of P&K fertilizers are under the Nutrient Based Subsidy (NBS) scheme, since 2014-15 are tabulated as under:

NBS rates (Rs. Per Kg)										
Nutrients	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022 (Kharif)	2022 (Rabi)
'N' (Nitrogen)	20.875	20.875	15.854	18.989	18.901	18.901	18.789	18.789	91.96	98.02
'P' (Phosphate)	18.679	18.679	13.241	11.997	15.216	15.216	14.888	45.323	72.74	66.93
'K' (Potash)	15.500	15.500	15.470	12.395	11.124	11.124	10.116	10.116	25.31	23.65
'S' (Sulphur)	1.677	1.677	2.044	2.240	2.722	3.562	2.374	2.374	6.94	6.12

An amount of Rs. 300 MPT and Rs. 500 PMT additional subsidy is provided on subsidized P&K Fertilizers fortified/coated with micronutrients namely Boron (B) and Zinc(ZN) respectively during the year 2010-11 to 2021-22.

(b)&(c): With respect to urea, Matix Fertilizers and Chemicals Ltd. (Matix) has set up urea plant of 12.7 Lakh Metric Ton per annum (LMTPA) capacity at Panagarh, Durgapur, West Bengal.

(d): In view of (b) & (c) above, question does not arise.
