

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS  
DEPARTMENT OF FERTILIZERS

**RAJYA SABHA**

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2419 TO BE ANSWERED ON : 17.12.2024**

**Provision of concessional fertilizers to farmers**

**2419. SHRI NARHARI AMIN:**

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

- (a) whether any special scheme has been started by Government to provide fertilizers to the farmers at concessional prices, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the subsidy is being provided on fertilizer by Government, if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the quantum of subsidy based fertilizer provided by Government to the State of Gujarat in the last five years;
- (d) whether farmers are being trained by Government for balanced use of fertilizers; and
- (e) if so, the details of the training programs being conducted by Government?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS  
**(SMT. ANUPRIYA PATEL)**

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(a) & (b): Urea is provided to the farmers at a statutorily notified Maximum Retail Price (MRP) irrespective of the cost of production. The subsidized MRP of 45 kg bag of urea is Rs.242 per bag (exclusive of charges towards neem coating and taxes 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.

In case of Phosphatic and Potassic (P&K) fertilizers, Government has implemented Nutrient Based Subsidy (NBS) Policy w.e.f. 1.4.2010. Under the policy, a fixed amount of subsidy, decided on annual/bi-annual basis, is provided to manufacturer / importer on subsidized P&K fertilizers depending on their nutrient content i.e. Nitrogen (N), Phosphorus (P), Potassium (K) and Sulphur (S) to improve availability of fertilizers to farmers. Import of P&K fertilizers is decontrolled and companies are free to import / produce fertilizer raw materials, intermediaries and finished fertilizers as per their business dynamics. However, the Government monitors international prices of key fertilizers and raw materials and fluctuations, if any, are subsumed while fixing NBS rates for P&K fertilizers annually / bi-annually. Details of subsidy outgo from 2019-20 to 2023-24 are as per **Annexure-I**.

(c): The subsidized fertilizers-Urea and P&K made available during last five years (2019-20 to 2023-24) in the State of Gujarat are as per **Annexure-II**.

(d) & (e): Government has implemented 'Soil Health and Fertility Scheme' to assist State Governments to issue Soil Health Cards (SHCs) to farmers in the country. SHCs assist in promoting Integrated Nutrient Management (INM) through judicious use of chemical fertilizers including secondary and micro nutrients along with organic manures & bio-fertilizers, for improving soil health and fertility. 24.60 crore Soil Health Cards have been generated under the Scheme till date.

Under Soil Health & Fertility Scheme, 7 Lakh demonstrations, 93,781 farmer's training programmes and 7,425 farmer's mela have been organized on the balanced use of fertilizers to improve soil quality. Advisories are issued to farmers through Agricultural Technology Management Agency (ATMA) and Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVKs). In addition, 70,002 Krishi Sakhis are trained to issue soil health card advisories.

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**Annexure-I**

Annexure referred to in reply to parts (a) & (b) of Rajya Sabha Unstarred question No. 2419 for answering on 17.12.2024

<b>Subsidy Outgo from FY 2019-20 to FY 2023-24</b>			
			<b>Rs. In Crores</b>
<b>Year</b>	<b>Subsidy on P&amp;K fertilizers</b>	<b>Subsidy on Urea</b>	<b>Total Subsidy Outgo</b>
2019-20	26335	57099	83434
2020-21	37304	93857	131161
2021-22	52726	104870	157596
2022-23	86122	168677	254799
2023-24	65199.57	130220.93	195420.50

**Annexure-II**

Annexure referred to in reply to part (c) of Rajya Sabha Unstarred question No. 2419 for answering on 17.12.2024

<b>Gujarat</b>		
<b>Details of subsidized fertilizer made available during 2019-2020 to 2023-24</b>		
		<b>Fig. In LMT</b>
<b>Year</b>	<b>Urea</b>	<b>P&amp;K Fertilizers</b>
2019-20	25.68	17.73
2020-21	26.22	18.20
2021-22	24.93	14.00
2022-23	27.30	15.47
2023-24	26.78	16.64

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