

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
DEPARTMENT OF FERTILIZERS

RAJYA SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2425 TO BE ANSWERED ON: 17.12.2024

Rise in prices of fertilizers

2425. SMT. PHULO DEVI NETAM:

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

- (a) whether Government is aware that the prices of fertilizers are rising drastically in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by Government to check the prices of fertilizers in the country;
- (d) whether this sharp hike in prices of fertilizers is likely to affect the availability of fertilizers at affordable prices in the country;
- (e) if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) the action taken/proposed to be taken by Government to ensure sufficient availability of fertilizers in domestic market in the country?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (e): 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.266.50 since the year 2018. The MRP of Phosphatic & Potassic (P&K) fertilizers is decontrolled and fixed by fertilizer companies as per market dynamics at reasonable level which is monitored by the Government. Since 2022-23, the Maximum Retail Price (MRP) of 50 Kg bags of key P&K fertilizers like DAP has been maintained Rs. 1350/-, NPK grades 12-32-16 and 10-26-26 at Rs. 1470/-, SSP at Rs. 550/-. While MRP of 50 Kg bag of NPK 20-20-0-13 has reduced from Rs. 1400/- to Rs. 1260/-, MOP from Rs. 1700/- to Rs. 1600/-. It may be seen that average MRPs of key P&K fertilizers have been either maintained or reduced since 2022-23.

In addition, in order to ensure smooth availability of fertilizers at affordable prices to farmers, Government has provided special package on DAP over and above the NBS subsidy rates on need basis so that Maximum Retail Price (MRP) of the fertilizers remains stable and market volatility are subsumed. In 2024-25, the Government has approved one-time special package on DAP beyond the NBS rates on actual PoS (Point of Sale) sale of DAP for the period from 01.04.2024 till 31.12.2024 @ ₹ 3500 per MT to the P&K fertilizer companies with approximate financial implication of ₹2625 crores to ensure sustainable availability of DAP at affordable prices to the farmers and support the agriculture sector and related activities and strengthen food security scenario in the country. Thus, the entire subsidy scheme is focused towards timely availability of fertilizers at affordable prices to farmers.

The availability of fertilizers in the country during the current Rabi 2024-25 season (upto 11.12.2024) has remained comfortable. The details of availability of fertilizers is placed at **Annexure**.

(f): To ensure timely and adequate supply of fertilizers in the country, before the commencement of each cropping season, Department of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare (DA&FW), in consultation with all the State Governments, assesses the state-wise & month-wise requirement of fertilizers. On the basis of requirement projected, Department of Fertilizers allocates sufficient/ adequate quantities of fertilizers to States by issuing monthly supply plan and continuously monitors the availability. The movement of all major subsidized fertilizers is monitored throughout the country by an on-line web based monitoring system called integrated Fertilizer Monitoring System (iFMS). Regular Weekly Video Conference is conducted jointly by DA&FW and D/o Fertilizers with State Agriculture Officials and corrective actions are taken to dispatch fertilizers as indicated by the State Governments. The gap between demand (requirement) and production of fertilizers is met through imports. The import for the season is also finalized well in advance to ensure timely availability.

Annexure referred to in reply to parts (a) to (e) of Rajya Sabha unstarred question No. 2425 for answering on 17.12.2024

ALL INDIA POSITION FOR RABI 2024-25 (UPTO 11/12/2024)						
						Fig. in LMT
S. NO.	Product	Seasonal Requirement for RABI 2024-25	Pro rata Requirement From 01/10/2024 to 11/12/2024	Availability From 01/10/2024 to 11/12/2024	Cumulative DBT Sales From 01/10/2024 to 11/12/2024	Closing Stock as on 11/12/2024
1	UREA	186.89	92.03	136.68	77.05	59.58
2	DAP	52.05	37.37	41.28	32.58	8.84
3	MOP	11.95	6.36	14.43	5.93	8.53
4	NPKS	77.10	41.96	61.64	37.98	24.23
