

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
DEPARTMENT OF FERTILIZERS

RAJYA SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 184 TO BE ANSWERED ON: 04.02.2025

Prices of Fertilizers

184. SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA:

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

- (a) whether the prices of fertilizers are on the rise in the recent past;
- (b) If so, the details thereof and the reasons there for during each of the last three years and the current year, fertilizer-wise;
- (c) the existing mechanism in place to monitor the prices of fertilizers in the country;
- (d) whether adequate quantity of fertilizers is made available to the farmers during sowing season and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (e) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by Government to provide adequate quantity of fertilizers to the farmers at an affordable price?

ANSWER

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

(a) & (b): Under the Urea Subsidy Scheme, Urea is 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). 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 rate.

Under the NBS regime, MRP of P&K fertilizers has been left open and fertilizer manufacturers/marketers are allowed to fix the MRP at reasonable rates. Thus, the market price of decontrolled subsidized fertilizers is determined based on demand-supply. The fertilizers companies are required to print retail price along with subsidy on the bags. The average MRP of major P&K fertilizers viz., DAP, MOP, SSP, NPK 12-32-16, NPK 10-26-26 and NPK 20-20-0-13 for last three years are placed at **Annexure 'A'**.

(c): In order to ensure that the prices of P&K fertilizers covered under NBS Scheme are fixed reasonably, it has been made mandatory for the fertilizer companies to submit certified cost data along with their subsidy claims to examine and ensure that the MRPs fixed by the companies are reasonable guidelines dated 18.01.2024 for evaluation of reasonableness of MRP's of Phosphatic & Potassic (P&K) fertilizers by P&K fertilizer companies under the Nutrient Based Subsidy (NBS) Scheme have been issued by the Government to keep MRPs of P&K fertilizers at reasonable level and affordable for farmers.

(d) & (e): 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.

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 from 01.04.2024 @ ₹ 3500 per MT to the P&K fertilizer companies 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 28.01.2025) has remained comfortable. The details of availability of fertilizers is placed at **Annexure 'B'**.

Annexure referred to in reply to part (a) & (b) of Rajya Sabha unstated question No. 184 for answering on 04.02.2025

Annexure-A

Product -Wise Average MRP(Rs./MT) from 2021-22 to 2024-25 as on 31.01.2025				
Product Name	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
10-26-26	29751.24	29760.78	29394.92	29941.99
12-32-16	28733.24	31562.41	29865.16	29400.00
20-20-0-13	24652.55	28045.64	25275.63	25380.05
DAP	25003.55	26939.94	26999.77	27000.00
MOP	23338.42	34147.54	33987.88	31319.02
SSP-Granular	7750.95	10555.79	11157.39	10828.59
* Data from FMS & iFMS(dbtfert.nic.in)				

Annexure referred to in reply to part (d) & (e) of Rajya Sabha unstated question No. 184 for answering on 04.02.2025

Annexure-'B'

ALL INDIA POSITION FOR RABI 2024-25 (UPTO 28/01/2025)						
						Fig. in LMT
S.NO	Product	Seasonal Requirement for RABI 2024-25	Pro rate Requirement From 01/10/2024 to 28/01/2025	Availability From 01/10/2024 to 28/01/2025	Cumulative DBT Sales From 01/10/2024 to 28/01/2025	Closing Stock as on 28/01/2025
1	UREA	186.89	147.13	195.77	152.96	42.81
2	DAP	52.05	45.80	52.59	43.80	8.79
3	MOP	11.95	9.06	18.43	9.28	9.15
4	NPKS	77.10	60.04	80.80	58.00	22.80
