GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS DEPARTMENT OF FERTILIZERS

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ENSURING FERTILIZERS AVAILABILITY AND SUBSIDY EFFICIENCY FOR FARMERS IN BIHAR

181: SHRI AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH:

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

- (a) whether Government has assessed the availability of urea and complex fertilizers in Bihar ahead of the 2025 rabi season;
- (b) the details of the direct benefit transfer (DBT) system being implemented for fertilizer subsidies to prevent leakages and ensure timely delivery to farmers; and
- (c) the steps being taken to revive the Barauni Fertilizer Plant and modernise its production capacity to meet regional demand?

ANSWER

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

(a) The availability of Urea and complex fertilizers has remained adequate in the State of Bihar during the ongoing Rabi 2025-26 season. The information regarding requirement, availability, sales and closing stock of the said fertilizers in the State of Bihar during the ongoing Rabi 2025-26 season as on 27.11.2025 is as under:

AVAILABILITY POSTITION OF FERTILIZERS IN BIHAR FOR RABI 2025-26 (TILL 27/11/2025)				
Fig. in LMT				
Product	Pro rata Requirement From 01/10/2025 to 27/11/2025	Availability From 01/10/2025 to 27/11/2025	Cumulative DBT Sales From 01/10/2025 to 27/11/2025	Closing Stock as on 27/11/2025
Urea	4.49	5.88	2.53	3.34
DAP	2.18	3.34	1.78	1.56
MOP	0.94	1.12	0.56	0.56
NPKS	2.38	3.51	1.14	2.37

(b) Government of India has implemented Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) in Fertilizers across all States/UTs with effect from March, 2018. Under the DBT system, the sale of subsidized fertilizers to the buyer is done on the basis of Aadhaar authentication through Point of Sale (PoS) devices installed at Fertilizers retail shop.

The subsidy is paid to the Fertilizers Companies on weekly basis on the basis of PoS sale.

In order to prevent leakages and to ensure equitable and timely availability of fertilizers to farmers, Department of Fertilizers has put a ceiling of 50 bags of subsidized fertilizers per buyer per month i.e. 300 bags of subsidized fertilizers per season. Additionally, a monthly list of 'Top 20 buyers' of each district is made available in the iFMS log-in of respective district magistrates for taking necessary action at their end.

Besides, Department of Fertilizers has also developed e-Urvarak dashboard which can be accessed by authorized users. The dashboard is developed to facilitate easy monitoring by various Stake holders viz. State Agriculture Departments, District Collectors and State Marketing Federations. The State Governments are also monitoring the availability and supply of fertilizers through iFMS and e-Urvarak Dashboard portals.

(c) The Government had announced New Investment Policy (NIP)-2012 on 2nd January, 2013 and its amendment on 7th October, 2014 to facilitate fresh investment in the Urea sector and to make India self-sufficient in the Urea sector. Total 6 new Urea units have been set up under NIP-2012 which includes 4 Urea units set up through Joint Venture Companies (JVC) of nominated PSUs and 2 Urea units set up by the private companies. The units set up through JVC are Ramagundam Urea unit of Ramagundam Fertilizers and Chemicals Ltd (RFCL) in Telangana and 3 Urea units namely Gorakhpur, Sindri and Barauni of Hindustan Urvarak & Rasayan Limited (HURL) at Gorakhpur in Uttar Pradesh, Sindri in Jharkhand and Barauni in Bihar respectively. The units set up by private companies are Panagarh Urea unit of Matix Fertilizers and Chemicals Ltd. (Matix) in West Bengal and Gadepan-III urea unit of Chambal Fertilizers and Chemicals Ltd. (CFCL) in Rajasthan. Each of these units has installed capacity of 12.7 Lakh Metric Tonne per annum (LMTPA). These units are highly energy efficient as they are based on latest technology.
