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**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO 982 TO BE ANSWERED ON: 09.12.2025**

**Monitoring of fertilizer subsidy and retailing**

**982: Shri Akhilesh Prasad Singh:**

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

- (a) whether Government has examined irregularities in fertilizer retailing, overcharging and PoS-based verification across districts of the State of Bihar;
- (b) the steps taken to ensure real-time fertilizer supply-chain tracking, stock visibility and dealer accountability; and
- (c) the measures introduced to improve subsidy transparency, reduce diversion and strengthen monitoring during peak agricultural seasons?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN MINISTRY OF CHEMICAL AND FERTILIZERS  
**(SMT. ANUPRIYA PATEL)**

- (a) Department of Fertilizers (DoF) has implemented Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) project for fertilizer subsidy payment with a view to improve fertilizer service delivery to farmers. Under the DBT system, 100% of subsidy on various fertilizer grades is released to the fertilizer companies on the basis of actual sales made by the retailers to the beneficiaries. Sale of all subsidized fertilizers to farmers/buyers is made through Point of

Sale (PoS) devices installed at each retailer shop and the beneficiaries are identified through Aadhar based Authentication. The buyer receives receipt of each purchase of fertilizers through SMS on his Aadhaar linked mobile number, clearly mentioning MRP of the fertilizer bag and subsidy borne by the Government of India.

(b) The Integrated Fertilizer Management System (iFMS) was launched in June 2016 which is a comprehensive, all-integrated system covering all functionalities in the fertilizer supply chain. This comprehensive system covers the entire supply chain, meticulously capturing transactional data from raw material procurement, imports to fertilizer production and transportation via rail or road from plants, rake houses, ports to district warehouses, and finally sale at PoS enabled retailers, everything aligned with monthly supply plans at district level and the movement of fertilizers is being captured in real time. Various modules under iFMS have been developed to ensure capture and maintain the fertilizers movement and sale data accurately in a secured manner. Besides, Department of Fertilizers has also developed a dashboard which can be accessed by authorized users at <https://urvarak.nic.in>. 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. Department of Fertilizers has put a monthly ceiling 50 bags of subsidized fertilizers per buyer per month. Product wise no. of bags out the total quota of bags are displayed on PoS screen at retailer level.

(c) Under 'DBT in Fertilizers' system, 100% subsidy on various fertilizer grades is released to the fertilizer companies, on actual sales to the beneficiaries based on Aadhar authentication through POS devices installed at each retail shop. All farmers are being supplied fertilizers at the subsidized rates on no-denial basis. This system ensures effective monitoring and smooth execution of the subsidy mechanism. Fertilizer companies generate weekly subsidy claims based on actual sales through PoS devices, and the claims are processed on a First-In-First-Out (FIFO) basis, enabling timely

settlement and efficient fund management. In order to prevent diversion 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 Urea buyers' of each district is made available in the iFMS log-in of respective district level officials for taking necessary action at their end. For monitoring of fertilizers during peak seasons, Department of Fertilizers has also developed an Urvarak dashboard which can be accessed by authorized users at <https://urvarak.nic.in>. The dashboard is developed to facilitate easy monitoring of availability, supply and sale of fertilizers by various Stake holders viz. State Agriculture Departments, District Collectors and State Marketing Federations.

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