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Status of PMKSK in Jammu division

2740. Shri Sat Paul Sharma:

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

- (a) the current status of PM Kisan Samridhhi Kendras (PMKSK) rollout in the Jammu division of J&K and how many centres are operational with soil testing and subsidized inputs;
- (b) how much urea and DAP subsidy has been allocated/utilized for Jammu & Kashmir in 2025-26 and the measures planned to control fertilizer price hikes for the UT's horticulture sector; and
- (c) in view of global fertilizer price volatility, the special provisions or direct benefit transfers being considered for apple and saffron growers in Jammu & Kashmir to ensure affordable access?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
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(a) There are 1,227 PMKSKs operational in the Jammu division of Jammu & Kashmir UT. These centres provide fertilizers, seeds, pesticides, soil testing, farm equipment and information on government schemes under one roof. Operational centres typically provide the following services to farmers:

(i) Subsidized agricultural inputs

- Fertilizers under the “One Nation One Fertilizer” policy
- Certified seeds and pesticides

(ii) Soil and input testing

- Soil sample collection and testing through linked laboratories.
- *However, at present the soil testing service in PMKSKs established at District level is provided through mobile soil testing labs or linkage with district soil labs.*

(iii) Advisory and extension services

- Crop advisory and fertilizer dosage recommendations

(iv) Information on government schemes

- PM-KISAN, crop insurance, soil health cards, etc.

(v) Sale of small farm implements and agri-equipment

These centres are designed to function as knowledge hubs and input supply centres, helping farmers make informed decisions about crop and soil management.

The details of PMKSKs established Jammu Division of Jammu & Kashmir UT are as under :-

| Sr. No. | Districts | No of PMKSKs |
|----------------|------------------|---------------------|
| 1 | Poonch | 83 |
| 2 | Rajouri | 321 |
| 3 | Jammu | 331 |
| 4 | Samba | 78 |
| 5 | Reasi | 53 |
| 6 | Kishtwar | 10 |
| 7 | Ramban | 33 |
| 8 | Udhampur | 60 |
| 9 | Doda | 80 |
| 10 | Kathua | 178 |
| | Total | 1227 |

(b) and (c) The Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) mechanism in Fertilizers has been implemented across the Nation including Jammu & Kashmir. 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 Point of Sale (PoS) devices installed at each retail shop. Accordingly, all farmers of Jammu & Kashmir are receiving the benefit of subsidized fertilizers. However, total subsidy disbursed to Fertilizers importing/ manufacturing companies during the financial year 2025-26 (as on 09.03.2026) is Rs. 191464.99 Cr.

The Government has taken several measures to ensure availability of fertilizers at affordable prices and to protect farmers from price volatility. These include:

- (i) Under the Urea Subsidy Scheme, Urea is being provided to the farmers at a statutorily notified Maximum Retail Price (MRP) and the difference between the delivered cost of Urea at farm gate and net market realization is paid as subsidy to the Urea manufacturer/importer by the Government of India. At present the MRP of Urea is ₹242 per 45 kg bag of Urea (exclusive of charges towards neem coating and taxes as applicable)..
- (ii) Provision of subsidy on DAP and other Phosphatic & Potassic (P&K) fertilizers under the Nutrient Based Subsidy (NBS) Scheme of Government of India to keep retail prices affordable. 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 to ensure affordable supply of P&K fertilizers to the farmers. Further, to ensure affordability, special provisions like Rs. 3500 per

MT to cover 'Other Costs' which includes costs incurred from factory gate to farm gate, advantage / disadvantage due to increase / decrease in international prices, provision for GST component included in the MRP and provision for reasonable return @ 4% of net MRP (MRP-GST) have been extended to both imported and domestic DAP and imported TSP over and above NBS subsidy for Kharif 2025 and Rabi 2025-26 seasons.

- (iii) Support to horticulture growers under schemes such as the Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture, which provides assistance for orchard management, micro-nutrients, organic inputs and other cultivation inputs.
- (iv) Market and income-support interventions for apple growers, including procurement through the National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation of India Ltd. with payments transferred directly to growers' bank accounts through DBT.

These measures collectively ensure that apple and saffron growers in Jammu & Kashmir continue to receive fertilizers and other agricultural inputs at subsidized and affordable prices despite global price volatility
