

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS  
DEPARTMENT OF FERTILIZERS

**RAJYA SABHA**

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3540 TO BE ANSWERED ON 24.03.2026**

**DBT of fertilizer subsidy**

**3540. Shri G.C. Chandrashekar:**

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

- (a) the total fertilizer subsidy disbursed through DBT and the number of beneficiaries covered;
- (b) the irregularities or diversion instances flagged in audit or vigilance reports; and
- (c) the steps taken to tighten POS authentication and reduce fraud?

**ANSWER**

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

**(a):** The details of the total amount allocated and disbursed towards fertilizer subsidy by the Government during the current financial year are as follows:

<i>(Figures in Rs. Crore)</i>		
<b>Financial Year</b>	<b>Allocation</b>	<b>Expenditure</b>
2025-26 (as on 16.03.2026)	<b>2,01,961.50</b>	<b>1,92,857.77</b>

The total number of beneficiaries covered DBT in Fertilizers are 14.72 Crores since 2017-18.

**(b):** In order to address the issues of hoarding, diversion and black-marketing, fertilizers are declared as an essential commodity under the Essential Commodities Act, 1955 and notified under Fertilizer Control Order, 1985. State Governments are empowered to take action against persons involved in said malpractices, as per provisions of EC Act. Any complaints received at Department of Fertilizers level regarding these malpractices is sent to concerned State Government to take appropriate action under Essential Commodities Act, 1955 and Fertilizer Control Order, 1985.

**(c):** The sale of subsidized fertilizer to the farmer is mediated via Aadhaar based authentication through Point of Sale (PoS) device installed at Retailer's level. At present there is a monthly ceiling of 50 bags per buyer, i.e. a total no. of 300 bags per season per buyer. The PoS application has been upgraded to display the past purchased quantity by the buyer against the monthly and seasonal ceiling to introduce transparency to the buyer.

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