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Nutrient-Based Subsidy Scheme

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SHRI RAJIB BHATTACHARJEE:

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

- (a) the details of Nutrient-Based Subsidy (NBS) rates fixed for phosphatic and potassic fertilizers during the last three years;
- (b) whether Government has taken steps to keep fertilizer prices affordable for farmers despite volatility in international prices;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the additional subsidy provided to cushion farmers from price rise;
- (d) the total subsidy released under the NBS Scheme during the said period, year-wise; and
- (e) the measures taken to promote balanced use of fertilizers?

ANSWER

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

(a): The details of Nutrient-Based Subsidy (NBS) rates (in Rs./Kg) fixed for phosphatic and potassic fertilizers during the last three years and for Kharif, 2026 are as under:

Nutrients	2023-24		2024-25		2025-26		2026-27
	Kharif	Rabi	Kharif	Rabi	Kharif	Rabi	Kharif
N	76.49	47.02	47.02	43.02	43.02	43.02	47.32
P	41.03	20.82	28.72	30.80	43.60	47.96	52.76
K	15.91	2.38	2.38	2.38	2.38	2.38	2.38
S	2.80	1.89	1.89	1.76	2.61	2.87	3.16

(b) & (c): Under Nutrient Based Subsidy (NBS) Scheme, MRP of P&K fertilizers is decontrolled and companies are free to fix MRP as per their business dynamics at a reasonable level. 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 which is being done bi-annually to ensure affordable supply of P&K fertilizers

to the farmers. Relevant factors like requirement of nutrients in the country, balanced use of fertilizers, subsidy burden and MRP of fertilizers are taken into account while recommending the subsidy rates for different nutrients.

Further, to make DAP which is a key fertilizer, available at affordable price of Rs. 1350 per 50 kg bag, 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 & Rabi 2025-26 and Kharif 2026 seasons.

(d): The details of the total amount of fertilizer subsidy disbursed under NBS scheme by the Government during the last three years 2023-24, 2024-25 and 2025-26 is Rs. 65,199.57 crores, Rs. 52,810.00 crores and Rs. 74,999.99 crores respectively.

(e): The Government promotes judicious use of fertilizer through Integrated Nutrient Management (INM) for sustainable agriculture. INM ensures balanced crop nutrition by integrating chemical fertilizers with organic manures, crop residues, bio-fertilizers, and other biological inputs to improve soil fertility, nutrient use efficiency, and crop productivity. The Government of India has notified Organic fertilizers, Bio-fertilizers, De-oiled cake, Organic Carbon Enhancer and Nano fertilizer in The Fertilizer Control Order, 1985 to ensure quality sale of these fertilizers. Government is promoting Natural Farming and Organic Farming as alternatives to chemical farming for sustainable agriculture and human wellbeing. Organic farming in the country is implemented through Paramparagat Krishi VikasYojana (PKVY) in all the States/UTs other-than North Eastern States, and Mission Organic Value Chain Development for North Eastern Region (MOVCDNER) exclusively for North Eastern region since 2015-16, PKVY promotes organic farming by providing end-to-end support covering production, processing, certification, and marketing. 18.93 lakh hectares area have been brought under organic farming, and 33.63 lakh farmers have been benefited till date. Farmers are provided assistance from production to marketing under the organic farming schemes. Under MOVCDNER, 2.36 lakh hectares area have been brought under organic farming and 2.74 lakh farmers have been benefitted till date. Further, the Union Cabinet approved the National Mission on Natural Farming (NMNF) on 25 November 2024, to promote chemical-free, nature-based farming practices using on-farm inputs. 20.93 lakh farmers have been registered, and 10.32 lakh hectares area have been covered under natural farming as on 31.03.2026. Government promotes judicious use

of fertilizer through Soil Health & Fertility scheme. The scheme provides Soil Health Cards (SHCs) for farm holdings, to promote balanced and integrated nutrient management for improving productivity and soil fertility. Soil samples are processed as per standard procedures and analyzed for parameters such as pH, Electrical Conductivity, Organic Carbon, available Nitrogen, Phosphorus, Potassium, Sulphur, and micronutrients (Zinc, Copper, Iron, Manganese & Boron). Since 2014-15, 26.09 crore Soil Health Cards have been generated/ distributed as on date across the country. 130627 farmer's trainings, 7.17 lakh demonstrations, 7425 farmer's Melas/ campaigns on soil health card recommendations have been organized across the country to promote balanced use of fertilizer.

Further, The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA), on June 28, 2023, approved the "PM Programme for Restoration, Awareness Generation, Nourishment, and Amelioration of Mother-Earth (PM-PRANAM). The initiative aims to support the mass movement initiated by States and Union Territories (UTs) to preserve the health of Mother Earth through the promotion of sustainable and balanced fertilizer use, adoption of alternative fertilizers, promotion of organic farming, and implementation of resource conservation technologies. All States/UTs are covered under the PM-PRANAM scheme. Under the PM-PRANAM scheme, there is a provision to provide incentives to States/UTs for reduction of consumption of chemical fertilizers (Urea, DAP, NPK, MOP) in a given financial year, compared to the average consumption over the previous three years, equivalent to 50% of the fertilizer subsidy saved.

Moreover, the Government has also approved Market Development Assistance (MDA) Scheme FY 2023-24 to 2025-26) under which assistance @ Rs. 1500/MT is being provided to CBG plants/Fertilizer Marketing Companies for promotion of organic carbon enhancers viz. Fermented Organic Manure (FOM)/Liquid Fermented Organic Manure (LFOM) and organic fertilizer, viz. Phosphate Rich Organic Manure (PROM) produced at plants under GOBARdhan initiative under which measures have been to promote FOM/ LFOM/ PROM.

Above initiatives of the Government are expected to address the imbalanced use of chemical fertilizers thereby reducing chemical fertilizer use.
