

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS
DEPARTMENT OF FERTILIZERS

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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2973 TO BE ANSWERED ON 13.03.2018

Uniform Freight Subsidy

2973 SHRI CH. MALLA REDDY:

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

- (a) whether the Government has introduced Uniform Freight Subsidy (UFS) to ensure timely availability of fertilizers to farmers at affordable prices;
- (b) if so, the details of Freight Subsidy provided to fertilizer manufacturers;
- (c) whether the Ministry proposes to merge Freight Subsidy Head with general Fertilizers Subsidy Head; and
- (d) whether the Government has introduced Integrated Fertilizer Management System (IFMS) to improve the functioning of Department of Fertilizers, monitoring of the movement and managing supplies of fertilizers and processing of the subsidy claims?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING; AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS

(RAO INDERJIT SINGH)

(a): Yes Madam, Government has introduced Uniform Freight Subsidy (UFS) w.e.f. 01.04.2008 to ensure timely availability of fertilizers to farmers at affordable prices. However, after implementation of NBS Scheme w.e.f. 01.04.2010, UFS ceased to apply on P&K fertilizers.

(b): The details of freight subsidy paid to indigenous urea manufacturing units during the years 2014-15 to 2016-17 and 2017-18 (upto Feb, 18) is as under:

(Rs. in Crores)

2014-15	2000.00
2015-16	2200.00
2016-17	2000.00
2017-18	4233.55(upto Feb, 18) – out of allocated funds Rs.5000 cr.

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The details of freight subsidy paid to indigenous P&K manufacturing units during the years 2015-16 to 2016-17 and 2017-18 (upto 08th March, 18) is as under:

(Rs. in Crores)

2015-16	1302.51
2016-17	1353.89
2017-18	1942.67 (upto 08th March, 18)

(c): Yes Madam, it is proposed to merge freight subsidy head with general fertilizers Subsidy head w.e.f. financial year 2018-19 onwards.

(d): Yes Madam, the Government has introduced Integrated Fertilizer Management System (iFMS) w.e.f. 01st September, 2016 to improve the functioning of Department of Fertilizers, monitoring of the movement and processing of subsidy claims.
