

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
DEPARTMENT OF FERTILIZERS

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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 5195 TO BE ANSWERED ON. 27.03.2018

Fertilizer Distribution Points

5195 SHRI NAGENDRA KUMAR PRADHAN:

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

- (a) whether it has come to the notice of the Government that due to non-availability of required infrastructure at existing take off points, supply of fertilizers and its distribution is affected as a result of which Odisha is incurring expenditure of Rs. 5 crore annually;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the measures taken by the Government to address the said problems in Odisha and other States of the country?

ANSWER

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

(RAO INDERJIT SINGH)

(a) to (c): No Madam. There is no report from any State including Odisha regarding non-availability of fertilizers due to infrastructural issue. It is mentioned that Department of Agriculture Cooperation & Farmers Welfare (DAC&FW), in consultation with States/ UTs, assesses the requirement of all subsidized fertilizers before the start of each Season. Department of Fertilizers ensures availability of fertilizers at the State level. Further, fertilizers are transported across the country from ports/plants through rail/ roads and the freight charges are borne by Government of India. With the existing arrangements, availability of fertilizers has been adequate in the country including Odisha.
