

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS  
DEPARTMENT OF FERTILIZERS

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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1589+ TO BE ANSWERED ON: 12.02.2019

1589+ SHRI ALOK SANJAR:

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

- (a) whether farmers are receiving the desired benefit of subsidy provided on fertilizers due to the neem coating of urea;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether some of the companies try to get more subsidy on the basis of percentage of production by showing low production capacity;
- (d) if so; the details of the action taken by the Government in this regard; and
- (e) the steps taken by the Government to ensure maximum benefit of fertilizer subsidy to the poor and marginal farmers?

**ANSWER**

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

**(RAO INDERJIT SINGH)**

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(a),(b)&(e): Yes, Madam. Urea is being uniformly supplied to all farmers at a statutorily notified subsidized Maximum Retail Price (MRP) of Rs.242 (exclusive of charges towards neem coating and taxes as applicable) in respect of 45 Kg bag and Rs.268 (exclusive of charges towards neem coating and taxes as applicable) in respect of 50 Kg bag of urea.

Department of Agriculture, Cooperation & Farmers Welfare (DAC&FW) was entrusted to conduct a study to determine the impact of Neem Coated Urea. The interim report submitted by Agricultural Development and Rural Transformation Centre (ADRTC), Bengaluru indicate that Neem Coated Urea leads to:

- (i) Improvement in soil health.
- (ii) Reduction in costs with respect to plant protection chemicals.
- (iii) Reduction in pest and disease attack.
- (iv) An increase in yield of paddy to an extent of 5.79 per cent.
- (v) An increase in yield of sugarcane to extent of 17.5 per cent.
- (vi) An increase in yield of maize to the extent of 7.14 per cent.
- (vii) An increase in yield of Soybean to the extent of 7.4 per cent.
- (viii) An increase in yield of Tur/Red Gram to the extent of 16.88 per cent.
- (ix) Reduction in diversion of highly subsidized urea towards non-agricultural purposes.

(c): No, Madam.

(d): In view of (c) above, question does not arise.

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