

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS  
DEPARTMENT OF FERTILIZERS

**LOK SABHA**

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1401 TO BE ANSWERED ON: 10.02.2023**

**Supply of fertilizers in agriculture sector**

**1401: SHRIMATI MALA RAJYA LAXMI SHAH:  
SHRI KUNWAR PUSHPENDRA SINGH CHANDEL:**

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

- (a) whether the Government has made reforms and taken measures to expand the distribution system to ensure uninterrupted supply of fertilizers for the agriculture sector;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has fixed any target to reduce the use of chemical fertilizers in agriculture; and
- (d) If so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF STATE FOR CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS  
**(SHRI BHAGWANTH KHUBA)**

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(a) & (b): Fertilizer is distributed through various dealers/retailers in the State. State Governments are empowered to register the number of dealers/retailers to operate in a state based on the requirement for efficient distribution of fertilizers to farmers. Further, opening of rake points for fertilizer handling is a continuous process, which is opened as per the recommendation of State Government subjected to operational confirmation by the Ministry of Railways.

(c) & (d): Government of India (GoI) is promoting the balanced and judicious use of fertilizers based on soil test based recommendations in conjunction with organic fertilizer and bio-fertilizers. The GoI is implementing Soil Health Card Scheme which besides providing soil fertility status (Soil test based information on nutrient status), also recommends appropriate dosages of nutrients to be applied for improving soil health and fertility.

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