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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 305 TO BE ANSWERED ON : 03.02.2023

Impact of Single Super Phosphate

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

- (a) whether the Government has examined the impact of Single Super Phosphate (SSP) which has lost the trust of farmers;
- (b) if so, the details and outcome thereof;
- (c) the details of the corrective steps taken by the Government so far;
- (d) whether there is a need to revamp the SSP industries as the consumption level has fallen and manufacturing units are running under capacity;
- (e) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Government in this regard;
- (f) whether there is a need to explore possibilities to export SSP to neighbouring countries like Nepal, Bangladesh, Bhutan and Sri Lanka for the survival of the industry; and
- (g) if so, the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government of India in this regard?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS

(SHRI BHAGWANTKHUBA)

(a) to (c): Sir, to encourage the use of SSP among the farmers, combination of SSP and Urea is being promoted by using urea and SSP in the ratio of 3:1. States like Rajasthan, UP promoted SSP during last Rabi as a successful alternative to DAP.

(d) & (e): Sir, The consumption of SSP has actually increased from 44.88 LMT for the year 2020-2021 to 56.81 LMT in the year 2021-22. However to further increase the consumption of SSP in India, Government has also taken following steps:

- (i) Freight subsidy has been extended to SSP for Kharif and Rabi 2022 on pilot basis at par with P&K Fertilizers to promote its usage.
- (ii) Guidelines on SSP have been rationalized/consolidated (21.9.2022).
- (iii) The minimum capacity for the new units has been fixed at 1 LMT per annum to increase the scale of production.
- (iv) A Task Force (TF) has been formed under the aegis of FAI which will find out the ways and means to improve the quality of SSP fertilizers, image of the industry and to examine the various issues faced by the Industry. The year-wise production of SSP (Lakh tonnes) during last 5 years are given below:

2017-18	39.10
2018-19	40.76
2019-20	42.47
2020-21	49.16
2021-22	53.51

(f) & (g): No Sir. However export of fertilizers including SSP is governed under DGFT fertilizers export guidelines and accordingly, the permission for export of fertilizers including SSP is being given on case to case basis.
