

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS  
DEPARTMENT OF FERTILIZERS

**LOK SABHA**

**STARRED QUESTION NO. 223\* TO BE ANSWERED ON: 04.08.2023**

**Supply of urea in agriculture sector**

**223\*: SHRI NAMA NAGESWARA RAO:**

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

- (a) the details of the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to ensure the adequate quantity supply of urea to agriculture sector in the country;
- (b) the details of the progress achieved so far after the announcement of New Urea Policy (NUP) in 2015 in the country; and;
- (c) the details of the subsidy being provided to fertilizer sector for the past five years, State/ UT and, year-wise?;

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS AND HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE

**(DR. MANSUKH MANDAVIYA)**

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(a) to (c): A statement is laid on the table of the House.

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**STATEMENT REFERRED TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 223\* FOR 04.08.2023 REGARDING “SUPPLY OF UREA IN AGRICULTURE SECTOR” TABLED BY SHRI NAMA NAGESWARA RAO:**

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(a) & (b): Government of India ensures adequate availability of urea to meet the requirements of states/UTs. The requirement of urea is met through indigenous production as well as imports. In order to increase the availability of urea through indigenous sources, Government of India announced New Investment Policy (NIP) – 2012 to facilitate fresh investment in the Urea sector and to make India self sufficient in the Urea sector. A total of 6 new Urea units have been set up under NIP – 2012, which together have added 76.2 LMT per annum in the existing indigenous Urea production capacity of the country. In addition, Government of India also introduced the New Urea Policy (NUP)–2015 on 25<sup>th</sup> May, 2015 with one of the objectives of maximizing indigenous urea production. As a result, the indigenous production of the country increased from 225.08 LMT in 2014-15 to 284.95 LMT in 2022-23. Imports of urea are done on Government Accounts and through long term urea arrangement with OQ Trading (Trading wing of OMIFCO, OMAN).

(c): The expenditure incurred on the fertilizers subsidy in the last 5 years is as follows:

(Rs. in Crore)

<b>S. No.</b>	<b>Financial Year</b>	<b>Expenditure on subsidy</b>
1	2018-19	73,435.21
2	2019-20	83,467.85
3	2020-21	1,31,229.50
4	2021-22	1,57,640.09
5	2022-23	2,54,798.93

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