

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS  
DEPARTMENT OF FERTILIZERS

**LOK SABHA**

**STARRED QUESTION NO. 236\* TO BE ANSWERED ON: 04.08.2023**

**Impact of Ukraine war on supply of agricultural fertilizers**

**236\*: DR. PRITAM GOPINATHRAO MUNDE:  
SHRI RAHUL RAMESH SHEWALE:**

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

- (a) whether the war in Ukraine has had a major impact on the global supply of agricultural fertilizers, potentially undermining food security around the world;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the response of the Government with regard to farmers in the country;
- (c) whether the Government has ensured supply of fertilizers at cheaper rates as compared to other countries;
- (d) if so, the details thereof along with the rates of urea/fertilizers in India as compared to other neighbouring countries; and
- (e) the details of the amount spent by the Government towards fertilizer subsidy in the last two years to ensure that farmers get crop nutrients at reasonable price, year-wise?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS AND HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE

**(DR. MANSUKH MANDAVIYA)**

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

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**STATEMENT REFERRED TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 236\* FOR 04.08.2023 REGARDING “IMPACT OF UKRAINE WAR ON SUPPLY OF AGRICULTURAL FERTILIZERS” TABLED BY DR. PRITAM GOPINATHRAO MUNDE AND SHRI RAHUL RAMESH SHEWALE:**

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(a) to (e): The Russia Ukraine war resulted in tight availability and increase in prices of fertilizers and its raw materials at global level. However, Government of India has ensured availability of fertilizers at reasonable prices by increasing the quantum of subsidies. The expenditure incurred on the fertilizers’ subsidy in 2021-22 was Rs. 1,57,640.09 Crores which increased to Rs. 2,54,798.93 Crores in 2022-23. Government of India also facilitated long term agreements and Joint Ventures (JVs) to ensure adequate supply of fertilizers. Further, the adequate availability of fertilizers in India has been ensured in last 2 years and in the ongoing season as stated below:

<b>AVAILABILITY SCENARIO OF FERTILIZERS FOR THE SAID PERIOD</b>									
	Fig. in LMT								
	2021-22			2022-23			2023-24 (TILL 01.08.2023)		
PRODUCT	REQ	AVL	SALES	REQ	AVL	SALES	REQ	AVL	SALES
UREA	356.53	389.68	341.73	359.19	415.82	357.26	116.71	169.53	109.44
P&K	283.74	263.28	237.95	269.06	288.63	228.94	93.95	151.93	68.57
<b>#P&amp;K GROUP INCLUDES DAP, MOP &amp; NPKS</b>									
• Primary indicator of comfortable availability = Availability > Requirement									
• Secondary indicator of comfortable availability = Availability > Sales									

Urea is provided to the farmers at a statutorily notified Maximum Retail Price (MRP). The MRP of 45 kg bag of urea is Rs.266 whereas for P&K fertilizers Government has approved the revised rates of Nutrient Based Subsidy Scheme for Rabi 2022-23 and fresh rates for Kharif 2023. Accordingly, all farmers are being supplied fertilizers at the subsidized rates.

At present, cost of urea in India is Rs. 5,911 per MT. However, cost of urea (August, 2022) in Pakistan is Rs. 63,166 per MT, cost of urea (August, 2022) in China is Rs. 42,524 per MT and cost of Urea (October, 2022) in Bangladesh is Rs. 12,551 per MT.

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