

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS  
DEPARTMENT OF FERTILIZERS

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**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1410 TO BE ANSWERED ON 28.07.2023**

**Fertilizer Subsidy for Kharif Season 2023-24**

**1410: SHRI SISIR KUMAR ADHIKARI:**

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

- (a) whether the Government has approved Rs. 1.08 lakh crore for fertilizer subsidy for the Kharif season 2023-24;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the subsidy earmarked for the said purpose and the list of beneficiaries there under, State-wise; and
- (c) whether such step by the Government will overshoot the budget allocation for 2023-24 and if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

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

(a) & (c): An amount of Rs. 1.79 lakh crore has been allocated to Fertilizer subsidy under Budget Estimates (BE) for the financial year 2023-24. The details of allocation is as under:

<b>Subsidy Schemes</b>	<b>Budget Estimates (BE) 2023-24</b>
Indigenous P&K Fertilizers	25500.00
Imported P&K Fertilizers	18500.00
Indigenous Urea	104063.20
Import of Urea	31000.00
<b>Total Subsidy (Amount in Crores)</b>	<b>179063.20</b>

Under the 'DBT in Fertilizers' system, 100% subsidy on various fertilizer grades is released to the fertilizer companies, based on actual sales to the beneficiaries by Aadhaar authentication through POS devices installed at each retail shop.

Urea is provided to the farmers at a statutorily notified Maximum Retail Price (MRP). The MRP of 45 Kg bag of urea is Rs. 242 per bag (exclusive of charges towards neem coating and taxes as applicable). The difference between the delivered cost of urea at farm gate and net market realization by the urea units is given as subsidy to the urea manufacturer/importer by the Government of India. Accordingly, all farmers are being supplied urea at the subsidized rates.

Government has implemented Nutrient Based Subsidy Policy w.e.f. 1.4.2010 for Phosphatic and Potassic (P&K) Fertilizers. Under the policy, a fixed amount of subsidy, decided on annual/semi-annual basis, is provided on subsidised P&K fertilizers depending on their nutrient content. Under this policy, MRP is fixed by fertilizer companies as per market dynamics at reasonable level which is monitored by the Government. Accordingly, the latest subsidy rates for P&K fertilizers under the NBS Scheme are as under:

<b>S. No</b>	<b>Nutrients</b>	<b>NBS rates for Kharif 2023 (Rs. Per kg of nutrient) (from 1.4.2023 to 30.9.2023)</b>
1.	N	76.49
2.	P	41.03
3.	K	15.91
4.	S	2.80

The funds provided in Union Budget 2023-24 at Budget Estimate (BE) stage for fertilizer subsidy is more than the Budget Estimate (BE) 2022-23. In case of any additional requirement for funds, Department of Fertilizers will approach Ministry of Finance at appropriate time.

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