

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS  
DEPARTMENT OF FERTILIZERS

**LOK SABHA**

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 263 TO BE ANSWERED ON : 21.07.2023**

**Urea Subsidy Scheme**

**263: SHRI RAJA AMARESHWARA NAIK:  
SHRI RAJVEER SINGH (RAJU BHAIYA):  
SHRIMATI SANGEETA KUMARI SINGH DEO:  
SHRI VINOD KUMAR SONKAR:  
SHRI BHOLA SINGH:  
DR. JAYANTA KUMAR ROY:  
DR. SUKANTA MAJUMDAR:**

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

- (a) whether the Government has approved continuation of Urea Subsidy Scheme to ensure constant availability of urea to the farmers in the country, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Government has proposed to introduce the Sulphur Coated Urea (Urea Gold) in the country for the first time, if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has recently approved the Nutrient Based Subsidy for Rabi and Kharif seasons, if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the other measures being taken by the Government for becoming self-reliant in fertilizers?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF STATE FOR CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS

**(SHRI BHAGWANTH KHUBA)**

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**(a):** Yes, Sir. The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) in its meeting held on 28<sup>th</sup> June, 2023 has approved the 'Continuation of the existing Urea Subsidy Scheme upto 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2025 (FY 2022-23 to 2024-25) at a total estimated outlay of ₹ 3,68,676.70 crore (the actual expenditure may vary based on the prices of natural gas and other inputs used for the production of Urea)'. Continuation of the scheme has ensured uninterrupted supply of subsidized urea to the farmers in the country.

(b): Yes, Sir. The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) in its meeting held on 28<sup>th</sup> June, 2023 has approved the launch of Sulphur Coated Urea with the name of 'Urea Gold'.

(c): Yes, Sir. The Government has approved the revised rates for Nutrient Based Subsidy Scheme for Rabi 2022-23 and fresh rates for Kharif 2023. Accordingly, the subsidy rates are as under:

S.No.	Nutrients	Revised NBS rates for Rabi 2022-23 (Rs. Per Kg of Nutrient) (from 01.1.2023 to 31.3.2023)	NBS rates for Kharif 2023 (Rs. Per kg of nutrient) (from 1.4.2023 to 30.9.2023)
1.	N	99.27	76.49
2.	P	49.94	41.03
3.	K	25.70	15.91
4.	S	2.84	2.80

(d): With regard to urea fertilizer, the Government had announced New Investment Policy (NIP) – 2012 on 2<sup>nd</sup> January, 2013 and its amendment on 7<sup>th</sup> October, 2014 to facilitate fresh investment in the urea sector and to make India self-sufficient in the urea sector. Total 6 new urea units have been set up under NIP – 2012. These are Panagarh urea unit of Matix Fertilizers and Chemicals Ltd. (Matix) in West Bengal; Gadepan-III urea unit of Chambal Fertilizers and Chemicals Ltd. (CFCL) in Rajasthan; Ramagundam urea unit of Ramagundam Fertilizers and Chemicals Ltd.(RFCL) in Telangana; and 3 urea units namely Gorakhpur, Sindri and Barauni of Hindustan Urvarak & Rasayan Limited (HURL) in Uttar Pradesh, Jharkhand and Bihar respectively. Each of these units has the installed urea production capacity of 12.7 Lakh Metric Tonne per annum. Therefore, these units have together added 76.2 LMT per annum in the existing indigenous urea production capacity of the country. At present, there are 36 urea manufacturing units located across the country.

Further, an exclusive policy has been notified on 28<sup>th</sup> April, 2021 for the revival of Talcher unit of FCIL in Odisha by setting up a new greenfield urea plant of 12.7 LMT per annum through coal gasification route.

The Government has also notified New Urea Policy (NUP) – 2015 on 25<sup>th</sup> May, 2015 with one of the objectives of maximizing indigenous urea production. NUP-2015 has led to additional production of urea by 20-25 LMTPA as compared to the production during 2014-15.

Further, in respect of P&K fertilizers, permissions are granted from time to time to units for domestic production DAP/NPK fertilizers viz. Madhya Bharat Agro product Limited Unit-II, Banda Sagar and M/s. Krishna PhoschemLtd,MP for production of DAP/NPK with installed capacity 2.40 LMT per annum and 3.30LMT per annum respectively; Indigenously produced PDM or Potash Derived from Molasses (0-0-14.5-0) has been included under NBS scheme; Freight Subsidy on SSP which is an indigenously manufactured fertilizers has been made applicable since Kharif 2022 ; Exploration for fertilizer minerals for phosphatic and potassic fertilizers , in consultation with Ministry of Mines, GSI, MECL, FAGMIL and concerned State Governments is a continuous process. Further, JVs and Long Term Agreements/MoUs for supply of fertilizers and raw materials are signed by Indian companies with the countries having their sufficient availability from time to time.

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