

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS
DEPARTMENT OF FERTILIZERS

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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3703 TO BE ANSWERED ON 11.08.2023

Price of Urea and DAP

3703: SHRI V.K. SREEKANDAN:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that the Government has ensured that the price of urea and di-ammonium phosphate would remain unchanged during the cropping season;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether it is true that fertilizer prices continue to remain high due to global factors; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS

(SHRI BHAGWANTH KHUBA)

(a) & (b): 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.

Further, Government has implemented Nutrient Based Subsidy Policy w.e.f. 01.04.2010. Under NBS Policy P&K Fertilizer Companies are free to fix MRPs as per the market dynamics. Government has also approved revision of rates under 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 01.01.2023 to 31.3.2023)	NBS rates for Kharif 2023 (Rs. Per kg of nutrient) (from 01.04.2023 to 30.09.2023)
1.	N	99.27	76.49
2.	P	49.94	41.03
3.	K	25.70	15.91
4.	S	2.84	2.80

As per iFMS, the price of DAP during Rabi 2022-23 and Kharif 2023-24 is Rs 27000/MT and Rs. 27000/MT respectively.

(c) & (d): International prices of fertilizers as per Fertilizer Monthly Bulletin from January, 2021 to June, 2023 is given as **Annexure**.

Trend in International prices of fertilizers (in USD/MT)
Jan 2021 to Dec 2021

Month	Urea (FOB)	DAP (CFR)	MOP (CFR)	Phos. Acid (CFR)	Rock Phos. (CFR)	Ammonia (CFR)	Sulphur (CFR)
Jan, 21	286	404	230	689	103	285	134
Feb, 21	330	443	247	795	84	330	188
Mar, 21	376	504	247	795	104	470	228
Apr, 21	380	555	273	876	124	545	220
May, 21	372	565	280	998	123	543	216
June, 21	413	580	280	998	131	548	226
July, 21	507	615	280	1128	144	585	221
Aug, 21	513	641	280	1160	144	625	214
Sept, 21	513	730	280	1160	144	625	234
Oct, 21	690	682	280	1160	144	665	263
Nov, 21	923	804	280	1330	144	825	277
Dec, 21	990	898	445	1330	144	990	308

Jan 22 to Dec 22

Month	Urea (FOB)	DAP (CFR)	MOP (CFR)	Phos. Acid (CFR)	Rock Phos. (CFR)	Ammonia (CFR)	Sulphur (CFR)
Jan, 22	897	921	445	1330	144	1125	339
Feb, 22	672	920	518	1330	160	1135	344
Mar, 22	596	924	590	1530	207	1233	419
Apr, 22	631	924	590	1530	284	1575	492
May, 22	722	936	590	1530	259	1319	516
June, 22	691	920	590	1530	284	1000	494
July, 22	549	945	590	1715	284	960	279
Aug, 22	593	891	590	1715	284	1100	103
Sept, 22	661	758	590	1715	287	1156	126
Oct, 22	665	722	590	1355	305	1175	149
Nov, 22	614	743	590	1175	305	1150	183
Dec, 22	576	723	590	1175	257	1120	198

Jan 2023 to June 2023

Month	Urea (FOB)	DAP (CFR)	MOP (CFR)	Phos. Acid (CFR)	Rock Phos. (CFR)	Ammonia (CFR)	Sulphur (CFR)
Jan, 23	500	679	590	1175	242	929	161
Feb, 23	475	655	590	1050	242	790	147
Mar, 23	361	609	590	1050	231	559	151
Apr, 23	332	557	422	1050	215	421	122
May, 23	332	514	422	990	215	370	107
June, 23	302	468	422	970	210	329	95
