

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
DEPARTMENT OF FERTILIZERS

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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3705 TO BE ANSWERED ON: 11.08.2023

Grant for Availability of Fertilizers in Rural Areas

3705: SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH PATEL:

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

- (a) the details of the efforts being made to promote availability of chemical fertilizers in the country;
- (b) whether the Government is providing any special grant for making available chemical fertilizers in the rural areas of the country;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the Government has taken/proposes to take any steps to minimize the use of chemical fertilizers for maintaining the fertility of the land in the country;
- (e) if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) the details of the efforts being made by the Government to ensure availability of chemical fertilizers in tribal dominated Khargone and Barwani Parliamentary Constituency in Madhya Pradesh?

ANSWER

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

(a): Following steps are taken by the Government every season to meet the adequate and timely requirement of fertilizers including rural and tribal areas in the country:

- i. Before the commencement of each cropping season, Department of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare (DA&FW), in consultation with all the State Governments, assesses the state-wise & month-wise requirement of fertilizers.
- ii. On the basis of requirement projected, Department of Fertilizers allocates sufficient/adequate quantities of fertilizers to States by issuing monthly supply plan and continuously monitors the availability.
- iii. The movement of all major subsidized fertilizers is monitored throughout the country by an on-line web based monitoring system called integrated Fertilizer Monitoring System (iFMS);

iv. The State Governments are regularly advised to coordinate with manufacturers and importers of fertilizers for streamlining the supplies.

v. Regular Weekly Video Conference is conducted jointly by DA&FW and DoF with State Agriculture Officials and corrective actions are taken to dispatch fertilizers as indicated by the State Governments.

vi. The gap between demand (requirement) and production of fertilizers is met through imports. The import for the season is also finalized well in advance to ensure timely availability.

(b) & (c): Urea and P& K fertilizers are subsidized in the country. Urea is being provided to the farmers at a statutorily notified Maximum Retail Price (MRP). The MRP of 45Kg bag of Urea is Rs 266. With regard to P&K fertilizers, a fixed amount of subsidy, decided on annual basis, is provided on subsidised P&K fertilizers depending on their nutrient content. Under this MRP is fixed by fertilizer companies as per market dynamics at reasonable level which is monitored by the Government. Accordingly, all farmers of the country including rural areas are supplied Urea and P&K fertilizers at subsidized rates.

(d) & (e): Government of India (GoI) is promoting the balanced and judicious use of fertilizers based on soil test based recommendations in conjunction with organic fertilizer and bio-fertilizers. The GoI is implementing Soil Health Card Scheme which besides providing soil fertility status (Soil test based information on nutrient status), also recommends appropriate dosages of nutrients to be applied for improving soil health and fertility.

(f): It is the mandate of the state governments to ensure comfortable availability of fertilizers within the states at district level. Accordingly, as conveyed by the state of Madhya Pradesh, the availability scenario of fertilizers during the ongoing Kharif 2023 season in tribal dominated Khargone and Barwani districts of Madhya Pradesh is given as per **Annexure – I**.

Arrangement of Fertilizers in Khargone and Barwani District

(Quantity in MT)

Fertilizers	Khargone			Barwani		
	PoS Sale upto 08.08.2022	Availability as on 8.8.2023	Sale as on 8.8.2023	PoS sale Upto 8.8.2023	Availability as on 8.8.2023	Sale as on 8.8.2023
UREA	55590	62103	59333	27434	37066	35153
DAP	27317	42253	33242	9240	15489	11942
NPK	5539	17741	9614	2627	6438	3885
MOP	3586	5307	3467	1943	3787	2610
