

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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DEPARTMENT OF FERTILIZERS

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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2440 TO BE ANSWERED ON 03.12.2019

Nutrient Based Subsidy

2440. SHRI RAJENDRA AGRAWAL:

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

- (a) the amount of money spent by the Government on the Nutrient Based Subsidy Scheme in 2018-19 and the areas of such allocations;
- (b) whether the Government plans to merge Urea subsidies along with P and K Nutrient based subsidies in future and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether there has been any delay in payment of such Nutrient Based Subsidies in 2018-19, if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the corrective measures being taken by the Government to ensure timely delivery of such subsidies?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS

(D. V. SADANANDA GOWDA)

(a): Sir, the Government spent Rs. 24090.35 Cr (Rs 9260/-Cr. for imported P&K fertilizers and Rs.14820/-Cr. for indigenous P&K fertilizers) on Nutrient Based Subsidy Scheme (NBS) in the year 2018-19.

(b): Sir, at present there is no such proposal.

(c): All the claims of NBS in 2018-19 have been processed and paid, except claims amounting to Rs. 137.25 Cr. which have also been processed. The delay in payment of subsidies is attributed to non-receipt of requisite documents as per payment guidelines.

(d): The Government ensures timely delivery of subsidies; however, in case of shortage of funds if noticed, the government tries to liquidate the pending subsidy by arranging loans under a Special Banking Arrangement (SBA) with consortium of Public Sector Banks.
