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Aadhaar enabled fertilizer distribution system

2484. SHRI KRUPAL BALAJI TUMANE:

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

- (a) whether the Government had announced to implement Aadhaar enabled fertilizer distribution system in 2016 and if so, the details thereof along with the number of districts linked with this system;
- (b) whether Aadhaar enabled fertilizer distribution system has made manufacturers, retailers and wholesale dealers accountable and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether many of the retailers in many States have abandoned the sale of Aadhaar enabled fertilizers, if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (d) the extent to which the introduction of this system has restricted the tendency of diversion of/use of fertilizers for non-agriculture activities; and
- (e) the steps taken/being taken by the retailers for meeting the demand of fertilizers at the time of its maximum demand?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS

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(a): Yes, Sir. During the year 2016-17, Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) system of fertilizer subsidy was introduced on pilot basis in 19 districts. The details are at **Annexure I**. Further, DBT system was rolled out in a phase wise manner across all States and Union Territories from September 2017 to March 2018. The details are at **Annexure II**.

Under the fertilizer DBT system, 100% subsidy on various fertilizer grades is released to the fertilizer companies, on the basis of actual sales made by the retailers to the beneficiaries. Sale of all subsidised fertilizers to farmers/buyers is made through Point of Sale (PoS) devices installed at each retailer shop and the beneficiaries are identified through Aadhaar Card, KCC, Voter Identity Card etc.

(b) Under Aadhaar enabled Fertilizers Distribution System (AeFDS), it is mandatory for the retailers to sell subsidized fertilizers through POS devices. The Fertilizer sales are monitored online through web based, Integrated Fertilizer Management System (IFMS). A study conducted by NITI Aayog through M/s Microsave revealed that AeFDS has increased accountability of stakeholders including fertilizer manufacturers, wholesalers and retailers.

(c) No, Sir. No such report has been received from any State Government.

(d) The NITI Aayog study in the pilot districts revealed that diversion of fertilizers has reduced. However, the extent of diversion of fertilizers for non-agriculture activities has not been quantified.

(e) To address the peak season demand, the Agriculture Departments in all States/Union Territories have been advised to identify retail points where large rush of farmers is expected during peak season. State Governments have been advised to operationalize multiple sale counters with multiple POS devices at such retail outlets so that large rush at such points can be dealt with in a smooth manner without causing any inconvenience to the farmers and retailers.

Status of DBT Rollout in Pilot Districts

| Sl. No | District | Go live Status |
|--------|------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 1 | Krishna (AP) | Live (1 st Oct. 2016) |
| 2 | West Godavari (AP) | |
| 3 | Una (HP) | Live (1 st Jan. 2017) |
| 4 | Hoshangabad (MP) | |
| 5 | Pali (Rajasthan) | |
| 6 | Kishanganj (Bihar) | Live (1 st Feb. 2017) |
| 7 | Karnal (HR) | |
| 8 | Kurukshetra (HR) | |
| 9 | Nasik (Maharashtra) | |
| 10 | Raigarh (Maharashtra) | |
| 11 | Rangareddy (Telangana) | Live (1 st Mar. 2017) |
| 12 | Tumkur (Karnataka) | |
| 13 | Narmada, (Gujarat) | |
| 14 | Thrissur, (Kerala) | |
| 15 | Dhanbad, (Jharkhand) | Live (1 st Aug. 2017) |
| 16 | Begusarai, (Bihar) | |
| 17 | Gorakhpur, (UP) | |
| 18 | Malda, (WB) | Live (1 st Feb. 2018) |
| 19 | South 24Parganas, (WB) | |

| S. No | Name of States / UT's | GO Live Date |
|-------|---|---------------------------------|
| 1 | NCT of Delhi | 1 st September, 2017 |
| 2 | Mizoram, Daman & Diu, Dadra Nagar Haveli, Manipur, Nagaland, Goa, Puducherry, | 1 st October, 2017 |
| 3 | Rajasthan, Uttarakhand, Maharashtra, Andaman & Nicobar Islands, Assam, Tripura. | 1 st November, 2017 |
| 4 | Andhra Pradesh, Haryana, Punjab, Chhattisgarh and MP | 1 st December, 2017 |
| 5 | Kerala, Bihar, Karnataka, Jharkhand, Telangana, and TN | 1 st January, 2018 |
| 6 | Uttar Pradesh, Gujarat, West Bengal, Odisha and Himachal Pradesh | 1 st February, 2018 |
| 7 | Jammu & Kashmir | 1 st March, 2018 |

Phase-wise Pan India roll out of DBT

Annexure-II