

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
DEPARTMENT OF FERTILIZERS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2259 TO BE ANSWERED ON: 29.07.2022

Fertilizer rake points

**2259: SHRI ANUBHAV MOHANTY:
SHRI JUAL ORAM:
SHRI MAHESH SAHOO:**

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

- (a) whether the Government is aware of the long standing demand of the Government of Odisha for the development of the new fertilizer rake points with necessary infrastructure like platform, covered shed, electricity, light, approach road for the trucks, etc. in most of the rake points in the State;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government is aware that the farmers of Odisha are suffering due to non-supply of fertilizers on time due to non-availability of proper rake points to receive the fertilizers which are supplied to the farmers;
- (d) if so, the action taken by the Government to ensure that the infrastructure development is immediately commissioned in order to receive the fertilizers for the farmers; and
- (e) the deadline fixed/likely to be fixed by the Government to complete the infrastructural development for the rake points to become fully functional?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (e): Notification of New rake points by railway administration is considered on receipt of demand and is subject to operational feasibility and availability of required infrastructure. Whenever a demand for opening of railway rake point for fertilizer handling is received, Ministry of Railways examines the demand and if the point is operationally feasible and having required infrastructure, it is then notified and opened for fertilizer handling in iFMS system. In case the rake point is not feasible for opening, then alternate rake points are suggested and if acceptable, accordingly notified as above. At present there are over 41 fertilizers rake points distributed all over in the State of Odisha which are adequate for meeting the demand of transportation of fertilizers by rail to various locations in the State of Odisha. In addition to above, regular maintenance and improvement of infrastructure in existing rake points is a continuous process on the railways. Hence, there is adequate number of railway rake points for handling fertilizers in the State of Odisha.
