

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
DEPARTMENT OF FERTILIZERS

LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3362 TO BE ANSWERED ON: 05-08-2022

Damage due to Use of Chemical Fertilizers

3362 SHRI SISIR KUMAR ADHIKARI:

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

- (a) whether the Government has conducted any research or gathered any data/information to ascertain the damage being caused to agricultural crops/land due to increase in use of chemical fertilizers in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;
- (c) the reasons for 24.9 percent decline in allocations toward fertilizer subsidy under BE- 2023 as against RE 2022 along with its impact on the accessibility of fertilizers to the farmers;
- (d) whether the Government has taken any measures to mitigate check the rising costs of raw materials for non-urea fertilizers, such as phosphoric acid and ammonia thereto; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR CHEMICALS & FERILIZERS

(SHRI BHAGWANTH KHUBA)

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- (a): No Sir.
 - (b): In view of (a) above question does not arise.
 - (c): The details of BE 2021-22, RE 2021-22 and BE 2022-23 are as follows:

BE 2021-22	Rs. 84,041.30 Crore
RE 2021-22	Rs. 149,663.28 Crore
BE 2022-23	Rs. 109,242.23 Crore

The availability of fertilizers have remained comfortable during the ongoing Kharif 2022 season. Further, as per procedure, fertilizer companies generate claims in DBT system, on the basis of fertilizer sales through PoS devices installed at retail shops. Claims are paid from the budget available for NBS and Urea Subsidy Schemes. In case sufficient budget is not available additional funds are requested from Ministry of Finance under Revised Estimates (RE)/Supplementary. This is a continuous exercise.

(d) & (e): In the wake of increasing international prices of finished P&K fertilizers as well as its raw materials, the subsidy rates of P&K fertilizers under the Nutrient Based Subsidy (NBS) scheme were increased on 20.5.2021 & 13.10.2021 (giving special compensation on DAP and 3 most commonly used NPK fertilizers) for the year 2021-22 and then further increased substantially for Kharif-2022 (applicable from 01.4.2022 to 30.9.2022), so that these fertilizers are made available at affordable prices to the farmers. The increase in the per kg subsidy rates for nutrients viz. N, P, K and S under NBS scheme is as under:

S. No.	Nutrients	NBS (Rs. Per Kg of Nutrient) (from 01.04.2021 to 19.05.2021)	NBS (Rs. Per Kg of Nutrient (from 20.05.2021 to 31.03.2022) **	NBS (Rs. Per Kg of Nutrient) (from 01.04.2022 to 30.09.2022)
1.	N	18.789	18.789	91.96
2.	P	14.888	45.323	72.74
3.	K	10.116	10.116	25.31
4.	S	2.374	2.374	6.94

** A special one-time package with additional subsidy has been provided (effective from 01.10.2021 to 31.3.2022) for DAP at Rs.8769/MT and 3 most consumed NPK fertilizers (10:26:26, 20:20:0:13 and 12:32:16) at Rs. 2000/MT for each grade in order to make P&K fertilizers available at affordable prices to the farmers.
