

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2043 TO BE ANSWERED ON: 02.08.2024

SHORTAGE OF FERTILIZERS

2043: SHRI. TARIQ ANWAR:

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

- (a) whether it is true that farmers in the country are experiencing severe shortages of fertilizers, resulting in a crisis for cultivating Kharif crops;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the amount allocated as fertiliser subsidy in each budget and actual expenditure thereof during the last ten years also indicating the allocation as percentage of overall budget;
- (d) whether the State Government of Bihar had requested for fertilizer rakes during the last five years due to severe shortages during the Kharif crop season;
- (e) if so, the details thereof along with the additional provisions that have been allocated to the State of Bihar for the current year, year-wise; and
- (f) whether it is true that production of some crops is declining, despite an increase in fertilizer usage per hectare and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS
(SMT. ANUPRIYA PATEL)

(a) & (b): No Sir. The availability of fertilizers has remained comfortable in the country during the ongoing Kharif 2024 season as shown in the table below:

ALL INDIA FERTILIZERS POSITION (as on 30.07.2024)		
PRODUCT GROUP	REQUIREMENT	AVAILABILITY
UREA	114.21	193.97
DAP	40.45	45.08
MOP	6.60	12.78
NPKS	47.24	87.24

(c): The overall budget along with the fertilizer subsidy and actual from FY 2014-15 to FY 2023-24 is as under:-

Amount allocated to fertilizer subsidy, Budget vs Expenditure for FY 2014-15 to 2023-24 (in Crores)				
Years	Overall Union Budget	Fertilizer Subsidy Budget	Actual Expenditure	Fertilizer Subsidy Budget W.r.t. Overall Budget (%)
2014-15	5549017.42	75071.63	75071.63	1.35
2015-16	5843324.06	76542.47	76542.47	1.31

2016-17	7921324.47	69843.42	70100.01	0.88
2017-18	8419941.33	89756.76	89756.76	1.07
2018-19	8780706.39	73442.18	73442.18	0.84
2019-20	9374754.32	83474.52	83474.52	0.89
2020-21	10092281.58	131239.46	131239.46	1.30
2021-22	10913501.86	152821.88	157751.87	1.40
2022-23	11750215.12	254804.01	254804.01	2.17
2023-24	12443336.32	195425.38	195425.38	1.57

Source : PAO, DOF and <https://www.indiabudget.gov.in/>

(d) & (e): The availability of fertilizers has remained comfortable in the State of Bihar during the last four Kharif seasons and ongoing Kharif 2024.

(f): As per the inputs received from Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers' Welfare, the data regarding all India Consumption of NPK (in kg/ha) in last five years are as under:

All India Consumption of NPK in last 5 years				
Consumption in Kg/Ha				
2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
138.96	150.55	135.96	136.17	139.81

Further, as per the information available on upag.gov.in, the data regarding all major crop-wise yield in last five financial years are as under:

All India Crop-Wise Yield in last 5 years					
Yield in Kg/Ha					
	Yield				
Crop	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
Cereals	2772.00	2824.00	2899.00	2939.00	2949.00
Pulses	823.00	885.00	888.00	902.00	907.00
Food Grains	2343.00	2394.00	2425.00	2494.00	2525.00
Oil Seeds	1224.00	1247.00	1312.00	1368.00	1316.00
Sugarcane	80497.00	83566.00	84906.00	83349.00	78749.00
Cotton	455.00	451.00	428.00	443.00	436.00
Jute	2706.00	2591.00	2793.00	2614.00	2795.00
Mesta	1728.00	1782.00	1831.00	1871.00	2056.00
Jute & Mesta	2641.00	2542.00	2738.00	2570.00	2749.00

Data for the year 2023-24 is of 3rd Advance Estimates
Cotton Production in Bales, 1Bale=170 Kg
Jute, Sannhemp & Mesta Production in Bales, 1Bale=180 Kg
