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Fertilizer Production Capacity

2043. SMT. APARAJITA SARANGI:

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

- (a) whether the Government has details of current production capacity of fertilizers in the country, if so, the details thereof alongwith the total production of fertilizers during the last three years, year-wise;
- (b) whether the Government has taken any steps to make fertilizers subsidy system more transparent and accessible to farmers, especially in remote areas, if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) whether the Government has taken any steps to coordinate with State Governments to ensure the effective distribution of fertilizers during the peak demand season of rabi and kharif crops at the grassroot level, if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS

(SMT. ANUPRIYA PATEL)

(a) : The details of the current production capacity of fertilizers in the country and the total production of fertilizers during the last three years from 2021-22 to 2023-24 are given as under:

Product Name	Production Capacity of fertilizers as on 01/04/2024 (in 'LMT')	Production of all fertilizers		
		2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
Urea	283.77	250.72	284.94	314.09
DAP	53.88	42.22	43.47	42.93
NPK	123.17	89.67	100.40	101.85

(b) : Government has taken various steps to make fertilizers subsidy system more transparent and accessible to farmers, especially in remote areas. Under 'DBT (Direct Benefit Transfer) in Fertilizers' system, 100% subsidy on various fertilizer grades is released to the fertilizer companies, on actual sales to the beneficiaries based on Aadhar authentication through POS (Point of Sales) devices installed at

each retail shop. Accordingly, all farmers across the country (including farmers in backward areas) buying fertilizers from 3.42 lakh fertilizer retail shops, get the benefit of subsidy. Fertilizer buyers receive SMS on Aadhar linked mobile number containing amount of subsidy provided by the Government of India on each purchase of subsidized fertilizers.

Besides, 'DBT in Fertilizers' created Aadhaar seeded database of beneficiaries, made the transactions visibility at the end point/retail point and tracking of movement of fertilizers transparent and faster along the value chain i.e. from manufacturers to beneficiaries ensuring smooth and timely availability of fertilizers at the retail points.

(c) : The steps taken by the Government to coordinate with State Governments to ensure the effective distribution of fertilizers during the peak demand season of rabi and kharif crops at the grassroot level are given below:

- i. Before the commencement of each cropping season, Department of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare (DA&FW), in consultation with all the State Governments, assesses the state-wise & month-wise requirement of fertilizers.
- ii. On the basis of requirement projected, Department of Fertilizers allocates sufficient/ adequate quantities of fertilizers to States by issuing monthly supply plan and continuously monitors the availability.
- iii. The movement of all major subsidized fertilizers is monitored throughout the country by an on-line web based monitoring system called integrated Fertilizer Monitoring System (iFMS);
- iv. Regular Weekly Video Conference is conducted jointly by DA&FW and D/o Fertilizers with State Agriculture Officials and corrective actions are taken to dispatch fertilizers as indicated by the State Governments.
- v. The gap between demand (requirement) and production of fertilizers is met through imports. The import for the season is also finalized well in advance to ensure timely availability.

However, distribution of fertilizers within the State at district level is the mandate of the State Government.
