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Quality of SSP Fertilizer in Andhra Pradesh

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

- (a) whether the Government has set up a task force to improve the quality of Single Super Phosphate (SSP) fertilizer and promote its use as an alternative to Di-ammonium Phosphate(DAP);
- (b) if so, the recommendations made by the task force and steps taken to implement the same;
- (c) the details of initiatives undertaken by the Government to raise awareness among farmers in Andhra Pradesh about SSP as an alternative to DAP;
- (d) whether there is adequate supply and distribution of SSP fertilizer in Andhra Pradesh to meet current demand, especially during peak agricultural seasons; and
- (e) the details of any additional financial incentives or subsidies provided to encourage farmers in Andhra Pradesh to switch from DAP to SSP, along with the eligibility criteria for farmers to access them?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS

(SMT. ANUPRIYA PATEL)

(a) & (b): Department of Fertilizers constituted Fertilizer Management Task Force 2024 which specially dealt with the issues of expediting the timely procurement of fertilizers to meet the requirement of the States and monitoring the state specific demand & supply of fertilizers on priority basis. The Companies were advised to promote the usage of alternate fertilizers including SSP in close coordination with the States and to procure sufficient quantities of fertilizers.

(c) & (d): Regular meetings have been held with States to address availability issues and advise them on use of alternate fertilizers. During the Rabi season (1.10.2024 to 25.11.2024) the PoS sale of SSP in Andhra Pradesh is 32,389 MTs compared to 26,496 MTs for the same period in previous Rabi Season. The SSP Stock in Andhra Pradesh as on date is 55,910 MT which is comfortable.

(e): Government has implemented Nutrient Based Subsidy Policy w.e.f 01.04.2010 for Phosphatic and Potassic (P&K) Fertilizers. Under the policy, a fixed amount of subsidy, decided on annual/bi-annual basis, is provided on notified P&K fertilizers depending on their nutrient content. Subsidy on SSP under NBS Scheme for the Kharif Season 2024 was Rs. 4804 /MT which has increased to Rs. 5121 /MT for the Rabi Season 2024-25. Further, to promote its usage, SSP has been included under freight subsidy regime from Kharif, 2022.
