

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS  
DEPARTMENT OF FERTILIZERS  
**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 848 TO BE ANSWERED ON: 29.11.2024**

**Funds allocated under New Subsidy Schemes**

**848:** SMT. DAGGUBATI PURANDESWARI:

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

- (a) the total amount allocated and disbursed under the new subsidy schemes for chemical fertilizers in the last 5 years, State-wise details;
- (b) the number of farmers benefitted from subsidy schemes, categorized by small, medium, and large farmers particularly in Andhra Pradesh;
- (c) the impact of subsidies on the cost of production for farmers, supported by comparative data from previous periods; and
- (d) the measures taken to ensure the efficient distribution and utilization of subsidized fertilizers, along with any observed improvements in crop yields?

**ANSWER**

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

**(a):** The details of subsidy amount allocated and disbursed in the last five years is available and is as below:

Year	Amount Allocated (Rs. in Crore)	Amount Disbursed (Rs. in Crore)
2019-20	83467.85	83467.85
2020-21	138527.30	131229.51
2021-22	162072.12	157640.08
2022-23	254798.88	254798.88
2023-24	197457.18	195420.51

**(b):** The Government provides subsidy to ensure adequate availability of fertilizers at affordable prices to the farmers. Under 'DBT 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 devices installed at each retail shop. All farmers (including small, medium and large farmers) are being supplied fertilizers at the subsidized rates on non-denial basis. The number of beneficiaries in Andhra Pradesh year wise is as under:

Year	Buyer Count
2019-20	1156757
2020-21	1946250

2021-22	2420757
2022-23	2576865
2023-24	2519432
2024-25 (as on 25.11.2024)	1848703

**(c):** The mandate of Department of Fertilizers is to ensure timely availability of fertilizers at affordable rates to the farming community. Accordingly, urea is provided to the farmers at a statutorily notified Maximum Retail Price (MRP) of Rs.242 per bag (exclusive of charges towards neem coating and taxes as applicable) and the MRP has remained unchanged since 01.03.2018 to till date. The difference between the delivered cost of urea at farm gate and net market realization by the urea units is given as subsidy to the urea manufacture/importer by the Government of India. Accordingly, all farmers are being supplied urea at the subsidized rates.

In case of Phosphatic and Potassic (P&K) fertilizers, Government has implemented Nutrient Based Subsidy (NBS) Policy w.e.f. 1.4.2010. Under the policy, a fixed amount of subsidy, decided on annual/bi-annual basis, is provided to manufacturer / importer on subsidized P&K fertilizers depending on their nutrient content i.e. Nitrogen (N), Phosphorus (P), Potassium (K) and Sulphur (S) to improve availability of fertilizers to farmers. The Government monitors international prices of key fertilizers and raw materials and fluctuations, if any, are subsumed while fixing NBS rates for P&K fertilizers annually / bi-annually. Thus, the entire subsidy scheme is focused towards timely availability of fertilizers at affordable prices to farmers. The data on total subsidy expenditure for the last 5 years is as under:

Sl.No.	Year	Total Subsidy Expenditure on P&K fertilizers (Rs. in Crore)	Total Subsidy Expenditure on Urea (Rs. in Crore)
1	2019-20	26368.85	57099.00
2	2020-21	37372.46	93857.03
3	2021-22	52770.00	104870.12
4	2022-23	86122.00	168676.65
5	2023-24	65199.57	130220.94

**(d):** Before the commencement of each cropping season, Department of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare (DA&FW) assesses the State-wise & month-wise requirement of fertilizers. To fulfil this requirement of fertilizers in the States across the country, as per assessment done by DA&FW, Department of Fertilizers allocates adequate quantities of fertilizers to States by issuing monthly supply plans. The movement of all major subsidized fertilizers is monitored through web-based monitoring system called integrated Fertilizer Monitoring System (iFMS). Further, during the peak agricultural seasons, Department of Fertilizers regularly takes up the matter with Ministry of Railways to provide additional rakes for ensuring adequate & timely availability of fertilizers.

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