

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
DEPARTMENT OF FERTILIZERS

LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3370 TO BE ANSWERED ON: 08.08.2025

Extensive use of Urea

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

- (a) whether the Government has taken note of the extensive use and increasing hoarding of agricultural urea in the country;
- (b) if so, the details of such urea seized/recovered during the last three years and the current year, State-wise and year-wise; and
- (c) whether the Government is aware that substandard urea is being distributed to farmers in the country, if so the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS

(SMT. ANUPRIYA PATEL)

(a) to (c) Fertilizer is declared as an essential commodity and is notified under Fertilizer Control Order (FCO) – 1985 and Fertilizer (Movement Control) Order – 1973. State governments are adequately empowered under FCO to stop black marketing/ hoarding of fertilizers and to take punitive action against any person/fertilizer company involved in such malpractices by violating the provisions of Essential Commodities Act (ECA) – 1955 and FCO. Besides, FCO – 1985 has also laid down fertilizer-wise detailed specifications. Any fertilizer, not meeting the said specifications, cannot be sold in the country for agricultural purpose. Clause 19 of FCO strictly prohibits the sale or manufacture of fertilizers which are not of prescribed standards. Any sale of substandard/fake/adulterated fertilizers is punishable under ECA – 1955.

Moreover, in order to regulate the sale of sub-standard fertilizers in the State, there is a District Quality control mechanism for awareness & vigilance at the field level and awareness is spread among the farmers on the regular basis through press note, TV talks, Kishan Gosti, Krushimela, Krushi Mahotsav etc.

Accordingly, as per the information received from the State governments, the details regarding number of cases of sub-standard fertilizers & action taken against them by the States during the ongoing Kharif 2025 season i.e. from 01.04.2025 to 01.08.2025; along with the data regarding seizure of Urea by the States in last 3 years and in current year is placed at **Annexure**.

Annexure

Annexure referred to reply part (a) to (c) of Lok Sabha Un-Starred Question 3370 to be answered on 08.08.2025

Sr. No.	CASES OF UREA SIEZURE AND SUB STANDARD FERTILIZERS AS REPORTED BY STATES								
	States	Urea seized/recovered by States				Sub Standard Fertilizers (01.04.2025 to 01.08.2025)			
		2025-26	2024-25	2023-24	2022-23	No. of Inspections /raids	Show cause notice issued	No. of licenses cancelled/suspended	FIR registered
1	Andhra Pradesh	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	577	5	0	0
2	Arunachal Pradesh	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	0	0	0	0
3	Assam	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	1681	11	0	0
4	Bihar	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	7176	0	0	0
5	Chhattisgarh	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	3661	110	5	0
6	Dadar & Nagar	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	0	0	0	0
7	Delhi	1718 bags	NIL	2383 bags	NIL	99	3	0	0
8	Goa	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	602	32	1	0
9	Gujarat	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	4566	64	1	0
10	Haryana	3541 bags	1700 bags	8927 bags	3323 bags	4133	40	10	3
11	Himachal Pradesh	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	0	0	0	0
12	Jammu & Kashmir	20.72 MTs	NIL	NIL	NIL	1568	28	0	0
13	Jharkhand	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	352	1	0	0
14	Karnataka	NIL	156 MTs	91.16 MTs	12.85 MTs	3538	117	10	0
15	Kerala	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	323	2	0	0
16	Madhya Pradesh	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	276	0	0	0
17	Maharashtra	331 MTs	151 MTs	20 MTs	32 MTs	26870	322	35	17
18	Manipur	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	3	0	0	0
19	Meghalaya	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	169	0	0	0
20	Mizoram	NIL	124 bags	NIL	NIL	11	0	0	0
21	Nagaland	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	64	101	0	0
22	Odisha	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	3622	10	0	0
23	Puducherry	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	10	0	0	0
24	Punjab	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	2323	65	23	2
25	Rajasthan	12400 bags	1980 bags	NIL	274 bags	5828	72	0	0
26	Tamilnadu	NIL	195.565	NIL	NIL	10837	4	3	0
27	Telangana	85.635 MTs	NIL	NIL	NIL	47518	6	0	0
28	Tripura	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	304	0	0	0
29	Uttar Pradesh	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	16193	141	18	2
30	Uttarakhand	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	158	0	0	0
31	West Bengal	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	15666	217	0	0

