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MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
DEPARTMENT OF FERTILIZERS

LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2383 TO BE ANSWERED ON: 13.02.2026

Implementation of the Nutrient Based Subsidy Scheme

2383. SHRI APPALANAIDU KALISETTI:

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

- (a) the total amount of subsidy disbursed under Nutrient Based Subsidy (NBS) scheme during the last five years, year-wise;
- (b) the rates of subsidy notified under NBS for the Kharif and Rabi seasons during the last five years, nutrient-wise and fertilizer-wise;
- (c) the number of fertilizer manufacturers and importers registered under the said scheme during the said period, year-wise;
- (d) whether there has been any change in the retail prices of DAP and other major P&K fertilizers in the open market during the last five years and if so, the details thereof, fertilizer-wise and year-wise;
- (e) the mechanism adopted by the Government to monitor and regulate market prices of NBS covered fertilizers to ensure affordability for farmers; and
- (f) whether any audits or assessments have been conducted by the Government to evaluate the effectiveness of the said scheme in promoting balanced fertiliser usage and reducing urea overuse, if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS

(SMT. ANUPRIYA PATEL)

(a): The details of total expenditure incurred under the Nutrient Based Subsidy (NBS) Scheme during the last five years i.e. 2020-21 to 2024-25 are attached as **Annexure-I**.

(b): The rates of subsidy notified under NBS for the Kharif and Rabi seasons during the last five years, nutrient-wise and fertilizer-wise is given at **Annexure-II**.

(c): The number of fertilizer manufacturers and importers registered under NBS scheme, over and above those already registered, since 2020-21 till 2024-25 is given at **Annexure-III**.

(d): The details of product wise average MRP of major fertilizers from 2020-21 to 2024-25 (as per available records) is given at **Annexure-IV**.

(e): In Phosphatic & Potassic (P&K) fertilizers, Government has implemented Nutrient Based Subsidy Policy w.e.f. 01.04.2010. Under NBS policy, P&K fertilizers are decontrolled and companies are allowed to fix MRP at reasonable levels as per the business dynamics. However, in order to ensure availability of fertilizers at affordable prices to farmers, Government has issued guidelines dated 15.11.2019 and 18.01.2024 to evaluate reasonability of MRPs fixed by the P&K fertilizer companies. As per the guidelines, any profit earned by P&K fertilizer companies over and above fixed margin is recovered.

(f): A third party study had been conducted by M/s SANTEK on impact of NBS policy in 2020. The study has shown that use of Phosphatic & Potassic (P&K) fertilizers helped in improving productivity in the farm land and multi-nutrient deficiency of the soil. The consumption of NPK fertilizers rose from 281.22 LMT in 2010-11 to 290.39 LMT in 2019-20. As per the report, there is a substantial increase in production of major crops since inception of NBS scheme.

Annexure-I

Annexure referred to in reply to part (a) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question no. 2383 for answering on 13.02.2026

Total expenditure incurred under the Nutrient Based Subsidy (NBS) Scheme during the last five years i.e. 2020-21 to 2024-25 are as follows:

(Figures in Rs. crore)

Financial Year	Total
2020-21	37303.73
2021-22	52726.26
2022-23	86122.23
2023-24	65199.57
2024-25	52810.00
Grand Total	294161.79

Annexure-II

Annexure referred to in reply to part (b) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question no. 2383 for answering on 13.02.2026

(i) Nutrient-wise NBS subsidy rates (in Rs./Kg)

Nutrients	2020-21	2021-22	2022 (kharif)	2022 (Rabi) 01.10.22 to 31.12.22	2022 (rabi) 01.01.23 to 31.03.23	2023 (Kharif)	2023-24 (Rabi)	2024-25 Kharif	2024-25 Rabi	2025 Kharif	2025-26 Rabi
'N' (Nitrogen)	18.789	18.789	91.96	98.02	99.27	76.49	47.02	47.02	43.02	43.02	43.02
'P' (Phosphate)	14.888	45.323	72.74	66.93	49.94	41.03	20.82	28.72	30.80	43.60	47.96
'K' (Potash)	10.116	10.116	25.31	23.65	25.70	15.91	2.38	2.38	2.38	2.38	2.38
'S' (Sulphur)	2.374	2.374	6.94	6.12	2.84	2.80	1.89	1.89	1.76	2.61	2.87

(ii) Fertilizer-wise NBS subsidy rates (in Rs./MT)

Sl. No.	Fertilizer Grades (N P K S nutrient)	2020- 21	2021- 22	2022 (Kharif)	2022 (Rabi)	2022 (rabi) 01.01.23 to 31.03.23	2023 (Kharif)	2023-24 (Rabi)	2024 (kharif)	2024- 25 Rabi	2025 Kharif	2025-26 Rabi
1.	DAP (18-46-0-0)	10231	33000	50013	48433	40841	32641	22541	21676	21911	27799	29805
2.	MAP (11-52-0-0)	9809	25635	47940	45588	36889	29748	15999	20108	20748	27404	29671
3.	TSP (0-46-0-0)	6848	20849	33460	30789	22972	18872	9578	13212	14168	20056	22062
4.	MOP (0-0-60-0)	6070	6070	15186	14188	15420	9547	1427	1427	1427	1428	1428

5.	SSP (0-16-0-11)	2643	7513	7513	7513	7513	6872	3540	4804	5121	7263	7408
6.	16-20-0-13	6292	12379	30164	29866	26240	20808	11933	13514	13272	15942	16848
7.	20-20-0-13	7044	15131	33842	33787	30211	23868	13814	15395	14993	17663	18569
8.	20-20-0-0	6735	12822	32940	32991	29842	23504	13568	15148	14764	17324	18196
9.	28-28-0-0	9430	17951	46116	46188	41779	32906	18995	21208	20670	24253	25474
10.	10-26-26-0	8380	18293	34689	33353	29593	22453	10734	12788	12928	16257	17390
11.	12-32-16-0	8637	20377	38362	36965	32005	24854	12686	15214	15399	19495	20890
12.	14-28-14-0	8215	16737	36785	35775	31479	24424	12746	14958	14980	18564	19785
13.	14-35-14-0	9258	19910	41877	40460	34975	27296	14203	16969	17136	21616	23142
14.	15-15-15-0	6569	11134	28502	28290	26237	20015	10533	11718	11430	13350	14004
15.	17-17-17-0	7445	12619	32302	32063	29735	22683	11937	13281	12954	15130	15871
16.	19-19-19-0	8321	14103	36102	35835	33233	25352	13342	14843	14478	16910	17738
17.	Ammonium Sulphate (20.5-0-0-23)	4398	4398	20448	21503	31004	16325	10074	10075	9224	9419	9479
18.	16-16-16-0(w.e.f. 1.7.2010)	7007	11876	30402	30177	27986	21349	11235	12499	12192	14240	14938
19.	15-15-15-9 (w.e.f. 1.10.2010)	6783	11348	29126	28841	26492	20267	10703	11889	11588	13585	14262
20.	24-24-0-0(from 1.10.10 to 29.5.12 and w.e.f. 22.6.2012)	8082	15387	39528	39590	35810	28205	16282	18178	17717	20789	21835

21.	24-24-0-8 (wef 12.11.13 to 14.2.15) without subsidy on S	8002	15387	39528	39590	35810	28429	16433	18178	17717	20789	21835
22.	14-28-0-0 (w.e.f. 1.4.2020)	6799	15321	33242	32464	27881	22197	12413	14625	14647	18321	19452
23.	8-21-21 (w.e.f. 20.05.2021)	NA	13145	27947	26864	23826	18077	8634	10293	10409	13097	14013
24.	9-24-24 (w.e.f. 20.05.2021)	NA	14996	31808	30561	27088	20550	9800	11696	11835	14907	15953
25.	PDM (0-0-14.5-0)	NA	1467	1467	1467	1467	2307	345	345	345	345	345
26.	11-30-14 (w.e.f. 01.04.2024)	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	14122	14305	18145	19453
27.	Urea-SSP complex (5-15-0-10) (w.e.f. 01.04.2024)	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	6849	6947	8952	9088
28.	SSP 16-0-11 (fortified with Mg, Zn & B) (w.e.f. 01.04.2024)	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	4804	5121	7263	7408

Annexure-III

Annexure referred to in reply to part (c) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question no. 2383 for answering on 13.02.2026

Number of companies registered under NBS scheme as manufacturer/importer during 2020-21 to 2024-25:

Company classification	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
P&K Manufacturer	0	1	2	5	6
P&K Importer	0	3	3	1	10

Annexure-IV

Annexure referred to in reply to part (d) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question no. 2383 for answering on 13.02.2026

The average MRP (in Rs. Per 50 Kg bag) of major P&K fertilizers viz., DAP, MOP, SSP, NPK 12-32-16, NPK 10-26-26 and NPK 20-20-0-13 are as under:

Product Name	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
10-26-26	1228.78	1487.56	1488.04	1469.75	1530.22
12-32-16	1232.16	1436.66	1578.30	1493.26	1498.89
20-20-0-13	997.51	1232.63	1403.21	1263.78	1283.31
DAP	1250.00	1250.00	1350.00	1350.00	1350.00
MOP	893.63	1166.92	1707.17	1699.39	1557.56
SSP-Powdered	401.60	364.73	501.74	531.39	506.95