

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
DEPARTMENT OF FERTILIZERS

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3491 TO BE ANSWERED ON 13.03.2026

Nutrient based Subsidy Scheme

3491. Shri B K Parthasarathi:

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

- a) the total amount of funds released under Nutrient Based Subsidy (NBS) Scheme during the last five years in the country, year-wise and State-wise;
- (b) the details regarding total Point of Sale (PoS) machines installed in the country, State-wise and district-wise for Andhra Pradesh;
- (c) the total number of beneficiaries under the said Scheme during the last five years in the country, State-wise and district-wise for Andhra Pradesh;
- (d) whether the Government has conducted any study to assess the effectiveness of NBS in the prices of the fertilizers, if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the manner in which the Government ensures that the subsidy given on Nutrient based fertilizers is reaching out to the farmers via affordable prices?

ANSWER

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

(a): 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 are being supplied fertilizers at the subsidized rates on no-denial basis. The details of the total amount of funds released under Nutrient Based Subsidy (NBS) Scheme provided by the Government during the last five years i.e. from year 2020-21 to 2024-25 are as follows:

(Figures in Rs. crore)

Financial Year	Nutrient Based Subsidy (NBS) Scheme		Total
	Indigenous P&K	Imported P&K	
2020-21	22288.36	15015.37	37303.73
2021-22	31931.46	20794.8	52726.26
2022-23	50089.67	36032.56	86122.23
2023-24	36270.00	28929.57	65199.57
2024-25	34010.00	18800.00	52810.00

(b): The details regarding total Point of Sale (PoS) machines installed in the country, State-wise and district-wise for Andhra Pradesh, are attached at **Annexure-I**.

(c): The details of the total number of beneficiaries under the said Scheme during the last five years in the country, State-wise and district-wise for Andhra Pradesh, are attached at **Annexure-II**.

(d) & (e): The Government has implemented Nutrient Based Subsidy (NBS) Scheme w.e.f. 01.04.2010 for Phosphatic and Potassic (P&K) Fertilizers. Under the NBS Scheme, MRP of P&K fertilizers are decontrolled and companies are free to fix MRP as per their business dynamics at a reasonable level which is monitored by the Government.

A third party study conducted by M/s SANTEK in 2020 to assess impact of Nutrient Based subsidy has shown that objective of 'availability at subsidized / reasonable price' has been met. Further, under NBS, the Government has issued reasonability guidelines dated 15.11.2019 & 18.01.2024 to keep MRPs of P&K fertilizers at reasonable level and affordable to farmers. As per the reasonability guidelines dated 18.01.2024, the profit earned above 8% (for importers), 10% (for manufacturers), 12% (for integrated manufacturers) of Cost of Sales of product is treated as unreasonable based on cost data submitted by the companies.

ANNEXURE-I

Annexure referred to in reply to part (b) of the Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 3491 for answer on 13.03.2026

(i) Point of Sale (PoS) Machines Installed in the Country		
S. No.	State/UT Name	Total Count of PoS Devices
1.	Andaman and Nicobar	29
2.	Andhra Pradesh	11,628
3.	Arunachal Pradesh	14
4.	Assam	6,100
5.	Bihar	30,635
6.	Chhattisgarh	5,720
7.	Delhi	60
8.	Goa	36
9.	Gujarat	9,312
10.	Haryana	8,348
11.	Himachal Pradesh	1,713
12.	J&K	4,040
13.	Jharkhand	5,278
14.	Karnataka	13,049
15.	Kerala	2,656
16.	Ladakh	4
17.	Madhya Pradesh	13,122
18.	Maharashtra	32,930
19.	Manipur	30
20.	Meghalaya	46
21.	Mizoram	57
22.	Nagaland	4
23.	Odisha	9,440
24.	Puducherry	78
25.	Punjab	9,415
26.	Rajasthan	16,459
27.	Tamil Nadu	12,856
28.	Telangana	11,117
29.	Tripura	605
30.	Uttar Pradesh	70,090
31.	Uttarakhand	1,274
32.	West Bengal	23,067
Total		2,99,212

(SOURCE: iFMS)

(ii.) Point of Sale (PoS) Machines Installed in the Andhra Pradesh		
S.No.	District Name	Total Count of POS Devices
1.	Alluri Sitharama Raju	075
2.	Anakapalli	273
3.	Ananthapuramu	519
4.	Annamayya	375
5.	Bapatla	558
6.	Chittoor	321
7.	East Godavari	365
8.	Eluru	555
9.	Guntur	340
10.	Kakinada	491
11.	Konaseema	430
12.	Krishna	505
13.	Kurnool	617
14.	Nandyal	675
15.	NTR	321
16.	Palnadu	795
17.	Parvathipuram Manyam	243
18.	Prakasam	825
19.	SPSR Nellore	732
20.	Sri Sathya Sai	382
21.	Srikakulam	367
22.	Tirupati	496
23.	Visakhapatnam	041
24.	Vizianagaram	436
25.	West Godavari	452
26.	YSR Kadapa	439
TOTAL		11628

(SOURCE: iFMS)

Annexure referred to in reply to part (c) of the Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 3491 for answer on 13.03.2026

(i.) Total Number of Beneficiaries in the Country (From 01.04.2020 to 31.03.2025)		
S.No.	State/UT Name	No of Unique Buyers/Beneficiaries
1.	Andaman and Nicobar Islands	9354
2.	Andhra Pradesh	5765763
3.	Arunachal Pradesh	1041
4.	Assam	2933890
5.	Bihar	19691992
6.	Chhattisgarh	3588572
7.	Dadra and Nagar Haveli	9793
8.	Delhi	53421
9.	Goa	80052
10.	Gujarat	7392578
11.	Haryana	3471236
12.	Himachal Pradesh	654881
13.	Jammu and kashmir	1377689
14.	Jharkhand	3216737
15.	Karnataka	6326113
16.	Kerala	882230
17.	Madhya Pradesh	12055547
18.	Maharashtra	12476960
19.	Manipur	18526
20.	Meghalaya	13944
21.	Mizoram	10644
22.	Nagaland	1648
23.	Odisha	5623402
24.	Puducherry	34881
25.	Punjab	2725505
26.	Rajasthan	9379679
27.	Tamil Nadu	5583319
28.	Telangana	4945815
29.	Tripura	144022
30.	Uttarakhand	645598
31.	Uttar Pradesh	42698059
32.	West Bengal	7489513
Total		159302404

(SOURCE: iFMS)

(ii.) Number of Beneficiaries in Andhra Pradesh (From 01.04.2020 to 31.03.2025)		
S.No.	District Name	No of Buyers/ Beneficiaries
1.	Alluri Sitharama Raju	72262
2.	Anakapalli	266463
3.	Anantapur	254850
4.	Annamayya	243950
5.	Bapatla	243235
6.	Chittoor	304141
7.	East Godavari	200131
8.	Eluru	268082
9.	Guntur	191059
10.	Kakinada	217833
11.	Konaseema	182707
12.	Krishna	183312
13.	Kurnool	285722
14.	Nandyal	279679
15.	NTR	160229
16.	Palnadu	300788
17.	Parvathipuram Manyam	211498
18.	Prakasam	231572
19.	Spsr Nellore	284403
20.	Srikakulam	381063
21.	Sri Sathya Sai	187579
22.	Tirupati	281485
23.	Visakhapatanam	32486
24.	Vizianagaram	369669
25.	West Godavari	166769
26.	Y.S.R.	227441

(SOURCE: iFMS)