

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
DEPARTMENT OF FERTILIZERS

LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.4740 TO BE ANSWERED ON 20.03.2026

Fertilizer Subsidies

4740. Shri Kodikunnil Suresh:

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

- (a) the total amount allocated and disbursed towards fertilizer subsidy during the last three years and the current year, fertilizer-wise (Urea, DAP, MOP, NPK, etc.) and year-wise;
- (b) whether the Government has made any changes in the Nutrient Based Subsidy (NBS) rates or Urea subsidy during the said period and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the distribution of subsidised fertilizers during the last three years in the country, State-wise including quantities supplied to Kerala;
- (d) whether the Government has made any assessment regarding the impact of rising international prices of raw materials and natural gas on fertilizer subsidy burden and retail prices to farmers; and
- (e) the steps taken by the Government to ensure timely availability of fertilizers at affordable prices to farmers and to prevent black marketing, diversion or overpricing?

ANSWER

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

(a): The details of the total amount allocated and disbursed towards fertilizer subsidy by the Government during the last three years and the current year i.e., from years 2022-23 to 2025-26 (as on 16.03.2026) are as follows:

<i>(Figures in Rs.Crore)</i>			
Financial Year	Subsidy Scheme	Allocation	Expenditure
2022-23	Imported P&K	36,032.56	36,032.56
	Indigenous P&K	50,089.67	50,089.67
	Indigenous Urea	1,27,311.10	1,27,311.10
	Import of Urea	41,365.60	41,365.60
	Total	2,54,798.93	2,54,798.93
2023-24	Imported P&K	28,930.00	28,929.57
	Indigenous P&K	36,270.00	36,270.00
	Indigenous Urea	1,02,027.00	1,02,027.00
	Import of Urea	28,194.00	28,193.94
	Total	1,95,421.00	1,95,420.51
2024-25	Imported P&K	18,800.00	18,800.00
	Indigenous P&K	34,010.00	34,010.00
	Indigenous Urea	1,03,319.50	1,03,319.50
	Import of Urea	21,000.00	21,000.00
	Total	1,77,129.50	1,77,129.50
2025-26 (as on 16.03.2026)	Imported P&K	25,000.00	24,988.24
	Indigenous P&K	35,000.00	34,979.74
	Indigenous Urea	89,989.50	89,942.29
	Import of Urea	51,972.00	42,947.50
	Total	2,01,961.50	1,92,857.77

(b): Under Nutrient Based Subsidy (NBS) scheme, subsidy is fixed annually/ bi-annually for each financial year/ cropping season for nutrients Nitrogen (N), Phosphorus (P), Potash (K) and Sulphur (S) on per kg basis which is converted into subsidy per ton depending upon the nutrient content in each grade of P&K fertilizers. Details of Nutrient Based Subsidy (NBS) rates for last three years are as under:

<i>(Figures in Rs. Per Kg)</i>						
Nutrients	2023	2023-24	2024	2024-25	2025	2025-26
	Kharif	Rabi	Kharif	Rabi	Kharif	Rabi
N	76.49	47.02	47.02	43.02	43.02	43.02
P	41.03	20.82	28.72	30.80	43.60	47.96
K	15.91	2.38	2.38	2.38	2.38	2.38
S	2.80	1.89	1.89	1.76	2.61	2.87

Under the Urea Subsidy Scheme, Urea is provided to the farmers at a statutorily notified Maximum Retail Price (MRP). The MRP of 45 kg bag of urea is Rs.242 per bag (exclusive of charges towards neem coating and taxes as applicable). 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 manufacturer/importer by the Government of India. Accordingly, all farmers are being supplied urea at the subsidized rate.

(c): The availability of fertilizers viz. Urea, DAP, MOP and NPK has remained adequate in the country including the State of Kerala during the last three FYs i.e. 2022-23, 2023-24 and 2024-25. The information regarding requirement, availability and sales of these fertilizers during the said period is placed at **Annexure**.

(d) & (e): Under the Urea Subsidy Scheme, Urea is provided to the farmers at a statutorily notified Maximum Retail Price (MRP). The MRP of 45 kg bag of urea is Rs.242 per bag (exclusive of charges towards neem coating and taxes as applicable). 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 manufacturer/importer by the Government of India. Accordingly, all farmers are being supplied urea at the subsidized rates. The Concession rate i.e. normative cost of production of Urea consists of two components namely Fixed costs and Variable costs. The fixed Cost component comprises of the Conversion cost, Capital related cost and selling expenses, which varies from unit to unit whereas variable cost consists of the cost of bag, water and energy cost which is pass-through item. Any change in price of gas impact the urea subsidy burden of the Government.

The Government has implemented Nutrient Based Subsidy (NBS) Scheme w.e.f. 01.04.2010 for Phosphatic and Potassic (P&K) Fertilizers. Under NBS policy, the subsidy is provided to manufacturer/ importer on notified P&K fertilizers on its PoS sale during the season, depending on their nutrient content to ensure 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 to ensure affordable supply of P&K fertilizers to the farmers. Further, to ensure affordability, special provisions like Rs. 3500 per MT to cover 'Other Costs' which includes costs incurred from factory gate to farm gate, advantage / disadvantage due to increase / decrease in international prices, provision for GST component included in the MRP and provision for reasonable return @ 4% of net MRP (MRP-GST) have been extended to both imported and domestic DAP and imported TSP over and above NBS subsidy for Kharif 2025 and Rabi 2025-26 seasons.

The following Steps are taken by the Government every season for ensuring timely and adequate supply of fertilizers across the country, including the State of Kerala:

- i. Before the commencement of each cropping season, Department of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare (DA&FW), in consultation with all the State Governments, assesses the State-wise & month-wise requirement of fertilizers.
- ii. On the basis of requirement projected by DA&FW, D/o Fertilizers allocates adequate quantities of fertilizers to States by issuing monthly supply plan and continuously monitors the availability.
- iii. The movement of all major subsidized fertilizers is monitored throughout the country by an on-line web based monitoring system called integrated Fertilizer Management System (iFMS);
- iv. Regular Weekly Video Conference is conducted jointly by DA&FW and D/o Fertilizers with State Agriculture Officials and corrective actions are taken to dispatch fertilizers as indicated by the State Governments.
- v. The distribution of fertilizers within the State is done by the respective State Government.

In addition, in order to address the issues of hoarding, diversion and black-marketing, fertilizers are declared as an essential commodity under the Essential Commodities Act, 1955 and notified under Fertilizer Control Order, 1985. State Governments are empowered to take action against persons involved in said malpractices, as per provisions of EC Act. Any complaints received at Department of Fertilizers level regarding these malpractices is sent to concerned State Government to take appropriate action under Essential Commodities Act, 1955 and Fertilizer Control Order, 1985.

Annexure referred to in reply to part (c) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 4740 for answer on 20.03.2026

REQUIREMENT, AVAILABILITY & SALES OF FERTILIZERS DURING THE FY 2022-23													
fig. in LMT													
S.No	State	UREA			DAP			MOP			NPKS		
		Requirement	Availability	DBT Sales	Requirement	Availability	DBT Sales	Requirement	Availability	DBT Sales	Requirement	Availability	DBT Sales
1	Andaman and Nicobar Islands	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.00
2	Andhra Pradesh	16.65	18.39	15.87	4.20	5.43	4.64	3.09	1.42	1.18	15.97	16.27	13.73
3	Arunachal Pradesh	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
4	Assam	3.85	4.07	3.56	0.85	0.83	0.63	0.75	0.58	0.47	0.26	0.22	0.19
5	Bihar	22.80	24.68	21.96	6.82	7.15	5.66	2.16	1.55	1.26	3.72	5.35	4.25
6	Chandigarh	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
7	Chhattisgarh	8.74	10.57	8.38	3.70	4.68	3.14	1.01	0.77	0.56	1.45	1.63	1.06
8	Dadra and Nagar Haveli	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
9	Daman and Diu	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
10	Delhi	0.20	0.32	0.28	0.04	0.06	0.05	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.00
11	Goa	0.03	0.02	0.02	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.04	0.03	0.03
12	Gujarat	24.00	27.30	24.73	5.50	7.48	6.10	1.15	0.91	0.81	5.85	7.08	5.23
13	Haryana	21.50	23.68	20.46	5.70	6.48	5.59	0.60	0.43	0.35	0.70	0.30	0.26
14	Himachal Pradesh	0.76	0.85	0.74	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.07	0.07	0.04	0.39	0.41	0.35
15	Jammu and Kashmir	1.68	1.93	1.60	0.59	0.60	0.48	0.40	0.23	0.17	0.04	0.00	0.00
16	Jharkhand	2.60	3.04	2.56	1.00	0.89	0.77	0.20	0.05	0.04	0.46	0.52	0.45
17	Karnataka	17.20	22.22	18.21	5.90	8.44	6.21	3.00	1.68	1.41	17.16	21.53	16.67
18	Kerala	1.23	1.32	1.12	0.20	0.22	0.19	1.07	0.86	0.78	1.42	1.32	1.02
19	Lakshadweep	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
20	Madhya Pradesh	33.00	36.94	32.39	18.50	17.61	13.85	1.57	0.76	0.62	4.85	6.25	4.79
21	Maharashtra	25.29	30.39	24.66	8.20	9.34	7.18	4.30	1.68	1.38	23.50	28.89	20.46
22	Manipur	0.22	0.35	0.31	0.12	0.04	0.04	0.12	0.05	0.04	0.00	0.03	0.03
23	Meghalaya	0.02	0.01	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.00
24	Mizoram	0.09	0.11	0.10	0.06	0.01	0.01	0.04	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
25	Nagaland	0.00	0.01	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
26	Odisha	5.84	7.08	5.60	2.69	2.55	1.94	1.35	0.84	0.61	3.05	3.26	2.63
27	Puducherry	0.15	0.18	0.17	0.01	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.01	0.01	0.07	0.09	0.06
28	Punjab	29.25	34.90	29.45	7.25	8.46	7.17	0.90	0.49	0.41	1.70	0.71	0.58
29	Rajasthan	21.50	27.91	25.17	7.40	9.70	8.47	0.30	0.18	0.14	0.95	0.85	0.72
30	Sikkim	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
31	Tamil Nadu	9.96	11.38	10.05	2.73	3.49	2.76	2.53	1.85	1.65	6.45	9.19	7.38
32	Telangana	18.39	21.63	18.83	3.55	4.70	3.71	2.27	0.86	0.74	15.16	16.24	12.90
33	Tripura	0.27	0.28	0.19	0.05	0.02	0.02	0.09	0.06	0.02	0.02	0.03	0.02
34	Uttarakhand	2.20	2.38	2.05	0.35	0.64	0.52	0.09	0.07	0.03	0.35	0.15	0.11
35	Uttar Pradesh	77.50	87.39	74.72	24.70	27.69	22.38	3.36	1.42	1.22	7.00	6.64	4.79
36	West Bengal	14.25	16.49	14.05	4.05	4.36	3.77	3.70	2.70	2.36	10.12	11.16	9.61
	All India	359.19	415.82	357.26	114.20	130.93	105.31	34.17	19.55	16.32	120.69	138.15	107.31

REQUIREMENT, AVAILABILITY & SALES OF FERTILIZERS DURING THE FY 2023-24

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		Requirement	Availability	DBT Sales	Requirement	Availability	DBT Sales	Requirement	Availability	DBT Sales	Requirement	Availability	DBT Sales
1	Andaman and Nicobar Islands	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
2	Andhra Pradesh	15.73	17.89	14.99	4.13	4.86	4.20	1.84	1.81	1.31	13.28	17.87	14.02
3	Arunachal Pradesh	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
4	Assam	3.46	4.56	3.73	0.75	0.87	0.72	0.66	0.69	0.44	0.30	0.39	0.23
5	Bihar	22.63	27.46	23.24	6.82	7.78	6.51	2.28	1.75	1.39	4.50	6.09	4.39
6	Chandigarh	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
7	Chhattisgarh	8.40	11.37	8.99	3.10	5.28	4.34	0.66	0.97	0.60	1.07	1.90	1.30
8	Dadra and Nagar Haveli	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
9	Daman and Diu	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
10	Delhi	0.00	0.37	0.32	0.00	0.05	0.04	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
11	Goa	0.03	0.02	0.02	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.04	0.03	0.02
12	Gujarat	24.71	26.78	24.30	5.86	6.71	6.29	1.30	1.00	0.80	6.00	8.93	6.97
13	Haryana	20.63	24.86	21.77	5.60	6.29	5.83	0.55	0.50	0.36	1.20	0.64	0.44
14	Himachal Pradesh	0.68	0.82	0.68	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.05	0.05	0.03	0.37	0.39	0.32
15	Jammu and Kashmir	1.40	2.01	1.45	0.55	0.59	0.44	0.32	0.24	0.16	0.03	0.00	0.00
16	Jharkhand	2.47	3.74	3.04	1.02	1.06	0.94	0.21	0.03	0.03	0.41	0.46	0.33
17	Karnataka	16.10	21.02	15.65	5.90	8.13	6.42	2.45	1.97	1.54	16.50	21.09	15.84
18	Kerala	1.19	1.13	0.96	0.20	0.18	0.16	0.97	0.87	0.70	1.42	1.56	1.26
19	Lakshadweep	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
20	Madhya Pradesh	33.46	41.73	34.37	14.22	17.81	15.50	0.87	1.05	0.67	5.40	6.99	5.41
21	Maharashtra	23.74	31.06	23.48	7.00	8.93	7.36	3.00	2.18	1.42	26.50	34.08	23.04
22	Manipur	0.30	0.26	0.25	0.04	0.01	0.01	0.05	0.02	0.02	0.00	0.01	0.00
23	Meghalaya	0.02	0.05	0.04	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.00
24	Mizoram	0.07	0.15	0.13	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
25	Nagaland	0.00	0.01	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
26	Odisha	5.46	7.70	5.84	2.33	3.12	2.74	1.03	0.93	0.66	2.80	3.16	2.42
27	Puducherry	0.16	0.15	0.13	0.02	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.06	0.10	0.07
28	Punjab	29.48	37.35	30.68	8.00	8.23	7.24	0.85	0.62	0.50	1.50	1.02	0.73
29	Rajasthan	24.28	29.23	25.39	8.95	9.80	9.37	0.23	0.20	0.15	1.11	1.40	1.08
30	Sikkim	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
31	Tamil Nadu	10.23	11.86	10.11	2.95	3.22	2.71	2.45	2.05	1.63	7.30	10.19	7.94
32	Telangana	18.94	23.77	19.03	3.80	4.34	3.68	2.00	1.18	0.92	15.99	17.09	13.62
33	Tripura	0.24	0.26	0.14	0.05	0.04	0.03	0.07	0.06	0.02	0.02	0.03	0.02
34	Uttarakhand	1.84	2.67	2.31	0.35	0.49	0.38	0.08	0.08	0.04	0.35	0.24	0.20
35	Uttar Pradesh	76.15	91.83	74.53	24.50	25.76	21.61	2.35	1.62	1.21	9.50	10.13	7.93
36	West Bengal	14.32	17.34	12.20	4.02	3.83	3.20	3.35	2.85	1.83	10.65	12.74	9.20
	All India	356.08	437.47	357.81	110.18	127.42	109.73	27.62	22.74	16.45	126.31	156.51	116.80

25	Nagaland	0.00	0.01	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
26	Odisha	6.05	8.15	6.67	2.86	2.83	2.56	0.85	1.11	0.77	2.75	4.04	3.28
27	Puducherry	0.16	0.16	0.15	0.01	0.02	0.02	0.01	0.02	0.01	0.07	0.11	0.08
28	Punjab	26.50	36.70	32.56	8.10	6.99	6.61	1.00	1.06	0.71	2.50	1.73	1.41
29	Rajasthan	26.20	29.43	26.40	8.50	7.11	6.90	0.21	0.28	0.20	2.25	3.04	2.55
30	Sikkim	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
31	Tamil Nadu	10.91	12.61	10.92	2.70	2.98	2.56	2.24	2.56	1.94	10.54	10.19	8.49
32	Telangana	20.20	22.15	20.08	3.90	3.91	3.64	1.30	1.44	1.14	17.00	17.54	14.97
33	Tripura	0.18	0.24	0.17	0.04	0.03	0.02	0.03	0.06	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.03
34	Uttarakhand	2.03	2.60	2.31	0.30	0.52	0.40	0.08	0.08	0.04	0.40	0.28	0.21
35	Uttar Pradesh	77.00	91.72	79.18	24.05	21.55	19.51	1.72	2.50	1.76	14.50	12.85	10.50
36	West Bengal	13.80	19.05	15.77	3.55	3.62	3.12	2.50	3.41	2.57	11.00	15.25	12.24
	All India	364.01	443.83	387.92	111.92	105.14	96.29	22.21	30.85	22.02	151.29	183.98	149.72

