

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
DEPARTMENT OF FERTILIZERS

LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 433+
TO BE ANSWERED ON 26.04.2016

Fertilizer Distribution System

433+ SHRI KESHAV PRASAD MAURYA:

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

- (a) the effect of distribution system of chemicals and fertilizers on the Gross Domestic Product;
- (b) whether the Government is aware of the cases of suicides committed by farmers in the North Eastern States specially in Arunachal Pradesh, Manipur, Sikkim, Tripura etc., if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the details of funds spent by the Government to promote agriculture in North-Eastern States during the last three years?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS

(SHRI HANSRAJ GANGARAM AHIR)

(a): The requirement of fertilizers of States is assessed by Department of Agriculture, Cooperation & Farmers Welfare. Accordingly, the Department of Fertilizers, in consultation with the companies and the State Governments, prepares a monthly supply plan for the distribution of fertilizers by the producers and suppliers of fertilizers through their network of dealers/retailers. There is no scarcity of fertilizers because of a well-established distribution system and therefore there is no perceivable adverse effect on the Gross Domestic Product due to the fertilizers distribution system.

(b): No case of suicide committed by the farmers in the North Eastern States has come to the notice of the Government.

(c): A total of Rs 51 lakhs, Rs 955.20 lakhs and Rs 186.13 lakhs was released in the FY 2013-14, FY 2014-15 and FY 2015-16 respectively to North Eastern States under the Scheme-National Project on Management of Soil Health & Fertility (NPMSH&F) for promotion of Agriculture.
