

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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DEPARTMENT OF FERTILIZERS

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Black marketing of fertilizers in the country

**505: SMT. RANJEET RANJAN :
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Will the Minister of **CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS** be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of instances of cross border smuggling of fertilizers in the last five years
- (b) the number of inspections conducted by Government using flying squads and other methods to curb black markets, State-wise;
- (c) whether Government is aware of the “booming black market” for fertilizers in the country and its expansion; and
- (d) the initiatives taken by Government to curb the issue of spurious fertilizer availability?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
(SHRI BHAGWANTH KHUBA)

(a) to (d): Fertilizer Flying Squad, Department of Fertilizers in joint operation with State/ UT Governments has conducted inspections at 489 fertilizer related plants across 15 States/UTs, the details of which is given as per **Annexure – A**.

Further, 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 black-marketing and hoarding as per provisions of EC Act.

Annexure-A

S. No.	State	Inspections
1	Andhra Pradesh	10
2	Bihar	14
3	Gujarat	110
4	Karnataka	48
5	Kerala	76
6	Maharashtra	57
7	Tamil Nadu	113
8	Telangana	5
9	Uttarakhand	2
10	Uttar Pradesh	8
11	Madhya Pradesh	4
12	Haryana	21
13	Rajasthan	17
14	Punjab	2
15	Delhi	2
	Total	489
