

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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DEPARTMENT OF FERTILIZERS

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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 454 TO BE ANSWERED ON : 21.07.2023

Over usage of fertilizer

454. SHRI D.M. KATHIR ANAND;

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

- (a) whether the Government is providing Rs. 80,000 crore as Fertilizer subsidy every year and if so, the details thereof along with the current prices of fertilizers and the subsidy provided to farmers during the last three years, State-wise;
- (b) whether it is a fact that over usage of fertilizer is a bigger challenge than the provision of subsidy and if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to control the over use of Chemical fertilizers and to promote organic fertilizers in the country?

ANSWER

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

(a) : Yes Sir, Government has provided subsidy more than Rs. 80,000 crore as Fertilizer subsidy. This subsidy is released to Fertilizer companies and allocation of funds is done scheme-wise and not on State-wise basis. The expenditure incurred on the fertilizers subsidy in the last 3 years is as under:

(Rs. in Crore)

S.NO.	Financial Year	Expenditure on subsidy
1.	2020-21	1,31,229.50
2.	2021-22	1,57,640.09
3.	2022-23	2,54,841.43

Sir, 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.

As far as P&K fertilizers are concerned the current average MRP of P&K fertilizers grade-wise is enclosed as **Annexure – A**.

(b) to (c) : With the mandate to make fertilizer available at affordable and reasonable rates to farmers, to ensure balanced fertilizer use with the aim to achieve self sufficiency in food, Govt. provides subsidy through Nutrient based subsidy scheme and Urea subsidy schemes. The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) in its meeting held on 28th June, 2023 has approved the Market Development Assistance (MDA) @ Rs. 1500/MT to promote organic fertilizers, i.e. manure produced at plants under GOBARdhan initiative covering different Biogas/CBG support schemes/programmes of stakeholder Ministries/Departments such as Sustainable Alternative Towards Affordable Transportation (SATAT) scheme of MoPNG, 'Waste to Energy' programme of MNRE, Swachh Bharat Mission (Rural) of DDWS, etc. with total outlay of Rs. 1451.84 Crore (FY 2023-24 to 2025-26), which includes a corpus of Rs. 360 crore for research gap funding, etc.

Further, CCEA in its meeting held on 28th June, 2023 has also approved the "PM Programme for Restoration, Awareness Generation, Nourishment, and Amelioration of Mother-Earth (PM-PRANAM)". The initiative aims to support the mass movement started by States/UTs to save the health of Mother Earth by promoting sustainable and balanced use of fertilizers, adopting alternate fertilizers, promoting organic farming and implementing resource conservation technologies. Under the said scheme, it is proposed that 50% of the fertilizer subsidy saved by a State/UT in a particular financial year by way of reduction in consumption of chemical fertilizers (Urea, DAP, NPK, MOP) compared to previous 3 years' average consumption, will be passed on to that State/UT as Grant.

ANNEXURE – A

Grade-wise Average MRP		
S.No	Product Name	2023-24 (till July-23)
1	10-26-26	29389
2	12-32-16	30614
3	14-28-0-0	31286
4	14-28-14	-
5	14-35-14	30400
6	15-15-15	29400
7	15-15-15-9	29000
8	16-20-0-13	23902
9	17-17-17	25000
10	19-19-19	31000
11	20-20-0	23507
12	20-20-0-13	24607
13	24-24-0	33619
14	24-24-0-8	30000
15	28-28-0	30000
16	Amm Sulphate	20000
17	City Compost	-
18	DAP	27000
19	Imported 10-26-26	28742
20	Imported 12-32-16	31557
21	Imported 15-15-15	29175
22	Imported 15-15-15-9	29047
23	Imported 16-16-16	24275
24	Imported 16-20-0-13	28995
25	Imported 17-17-17	-
26	Imported 20-20-0-13	26243
27	Imported DAP	27000
28	Imported MAP	33973
29	MOP	34685
31	SSP-Boronated	11612
32	SSP-Granular	10559
33	SSP-Powdered	10023
34	SSP-Zincated(Granular)	11280
35	SSP-Zincated(Powder)	10466
36	SSP-Zincated-Boronated(Granular)	13439
37	TSP	25000
38	Zinc and Boron NPK 8-21-21(40 Kg)	43750
39	Zinc and Boron NPK 9-24-24(40Kg)	44750
40	Zincated 10-26-26	30000
41	Zincated 20-20-0-13	-
42	Zincated NPK 14-35-14	32000

* Data from dbtfert.nic.in
