

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS  
DEPARTMENT OF FERTILIZERS

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**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2712 TO BE ANSWERED ON: 04.08.2023**

**Review of Fertilizer Distributors in Maharashtra**

**2712: SHRI PRATAPRAO PATIL CHIKHLIKAR:**

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

- (a) whether the Government has reviewed the fertilizer distributors in Maharashtra including Nanded district to provide fertilizers/seeds to the farmers at reasonable prices, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the number of proposals being considered for the appointment of distributors of other fertilizer companies including Rashtriya Chemicals and Fertilizers (RCF) Limited in Nanded;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to fulfil the demand of farmers as there is a huge shortage in the distribution of Potash fertilizer in Nanded, if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) whether the Government proposes to take any new step to meet the shortage of distributors of fertilizers/seeds in Nanded, if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

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

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(a) & (b): As per Fertilizer Control Order, notified authority of State Agriculture department is competent to issue dealership authorization to obtain dealership. A fixed procedure is specified in FCO for the same. Department of Fertilizers has no role in this.

Further, 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.

Besides, Government of India has laid down reasonable guidelines for P&K fertilizers which ensure that P&K fertilizers are available at reasonable prices to farmers.

(c) & (d): The availability of fertilizers (Urea, DAP, P&K and NPKS) has remained comfortable during the ongoing Kharif 2023 season. However, ensuring comfortable availability of fertilizers within the state at district level is the mandate of the respective state government.

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