

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
DEPARTMENT OF FERTILIZERS

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Fertilizer subsidy provided to farmers

990: SHRI R. GIRIRAJAN:

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

- (a) whether Government provides ₹ 80,000 crore as fertilizer subsidy every year and if so, the details of the current prices of fertilizers with subsidy provided to farmers, State-wise;
- (b) whether it is a fact that the over-usage of fertilizer is a bigger challenge than the provision of subsidy, if so the details thereof;
- (c) the steps taken by Government to control the over-use of chemical fertilizers and to promote organic fertilizers in the country; and
- (d) the total funds allocated for the supply of organic fertilizers in the country in the last five years, year-wise, State-wise?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS

(SHRI BHAGWANTH KHUBA)

(a): Government provides subsidy on various fertilizers to ensure adequate availability of fertilizers at affordable prices to farmers. The details of subsidy provided for fertilizers during the last 3 years from 2020-21 to 2022-23 is as follows:

S. No.	Product Group/ Scheme	Subsidy Expenditure (Rs. In Crores)		
		2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
1.	Indigenous P&K	22288.37	31931.46	50089.67
2.	Imported P&K	15015.37	20794.79	36032.56
3.	City Compost	68.74	43.71	0.00
4.	Imported Urea	25.49.62	50250.40	41365.60
5.	Indigenous Urea	68807.41	54619.72	127311.05
	Total	131229.50	157640.08	254798.88

S. No.	Product Group/Scheme	Average Current Price (PMT)
1	Indigenous P&K	26605.58
2	Imported P&K	29765.16
3	Urea	266.50

(b) to (d): Government always promotes judicious and balanced use of fertilizers for maintaining health of soil and increasing products and productivity. The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) in its meeting held on 28th June, 2023 has 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 market development assistance programme, Rs. 1451.84 Cr. is allocated for marketing of fermented organic manure, LFOM, PROM etc. In addition, organic fertilizer production and use has been promoted under various programmes such as Soil Health Card, PKVY, Mission Organic Value Chain Development (MOVCDNER) natural farming etc.
