

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS  
DEPARTMENT OF FERTILIZERS

**LOK SABHA**

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1099 TO BE ANSWERED ON: 08.12.2023**

**Remedy to Remove Shortage of Fertilizers**

**1099: SHRI KAUSHALENDRA KUMAR:**

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

- (a) whether the Government has taken any steps to remove the shortage of fertilizers in the country and reduce the prices thereof on the lines of the previous year;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the quantum of fertilizers provided to the farmers in the form of central subsidy in Nalanda district of Bihar during the last five years, year-wise;
- (d) whether any effective action plan/scheme has been formulated by the Government to boost the manufacturing of fertilizers in the country; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

**ANSWER**

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

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(a) to (c): The availability of fertilizers has remained comfortable across the country during the ongoing Rabi 2023-24 season. However, following steps are taken by the Government every season to meet the adequate and timely requirement of fertilizers in the country:

- i. Before the commencement of each cropping season, Department of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare (DA&FW), in consultation with all the State Governments, assesses the state-wise & month-wise requirement of fertilizers.
- ii. On the basis of requirement projected, Department of Fertilizers allocates sufficient/ adequate quantities of fertilizers to States by issuing monthly supply plan and continuously monitors the availability.
- iii. The movement of all major subsidized fertilizers is monitored throughout the country by an on-line web based monitoring system called integrated Fertilizer Monitoring System (iFMS);
- iv. Regular Weekly Video Conference is conducted jointly by DA&FW and DoF with State Agriculture Officials and corrective actions are taken to dispatch fertilizers as indicated by the State Governments.

v. The gap between demand (requirement) and production of fertilizers is met through imports. The import for the season is also finalized well in advance to ensure timely availability.

Further, under Urea Subsidy Scheme (USS), Urea is provided to the farmers at a statutorily notified Maximum Retail Price (MRP). Besides, under Nutrient Based Subsidy Policy, a fix amount of subsidy is notified on annual/semi-annual basis, which ensures availability of P&K fertilizers at reasonable prices to farmers. Accordingly, all farmers are being supplied fertilizers at the subsidized rates.

The quantum of fertilizers consumed in Nalanda district as per iFMS data in last 5 years, year-wise, is given as per **Annexure-A**.

However, D/o Fertilizers releases subsidy to Fertilizer companies and allocation of funds scheme-wise and not on State-wise/district-wise basis.

(d) & (e): Government of India ensures adequate availability of urea to meet the requirements of states/UTs. In order to increase the availability of urea through indigenous sources, Government of India announced New Investment Policy (NIP) – 2012 to facilitate fresh investment in the Urea sector and to make India self sufficient in the Urea sector. A total of 6 new Urea units have been set up under NIP – 2012, which together have added 76.2 LMT per annum in the existing indigenous Urea production capacity of the country. In addition, Government of India also introduced the New Urea Policy (NUP)–2015 on 25<sup>th</sup> May, 2015 with one of the objectives of maximizing indigenous urea production. As a result, the indigenous production of the country increased from 225.08 LMT in 2014-15 to 284.95 LMT in 2022-23.

Besides, following steps have been taken by the Department for increasing the domestic production of P&K fertilizers:

1. DoF granted permission to Madhya Bharat Agro product Limited Unit-II, Banda Sagar, MP for production of DAP/NPK with installed capacity 2,40,000 MT per annum.
2. DoF granted permission to M/s. Krishna Phoschem Ltd, MP for production of DAP/NPK with installed capacity 3,30,000 MT per annum
3. PDM or Potash Derived from Molasses (0-0-14.5-0) has been included under NBS scheme.
4. Exploration of minerals for raw materials for DAP & other fertilizers in India, in consultation with Ministry of Mines, Geological Survey of India (GSI), Mineral Exploration Corporation Limited (MECL), FCI Aravali Gypsum and Minerals India Limited (FAGMIL) and concerned State Governments is a continuous process.

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**Annexure -A****Sale of fertilizers to buyer/farmers**

<b>2019-2020</b>				
<b>S.NO</b>	<b>STATE NAME</b>	<b>DISTRICT NAME</b>	<b>PRODUCT GROUP NAME</b>	<b>QTY (IN MT)</b>
1	Bihar	Nalanda	DAP	26723.865
2	Bihar	Nalanda	MOP	3408.525
3	Bihar	Nalanda	NPKS	12162.55
4	Bihar	Nalanda	SSP	8387.913
5	Bihar	Nalanda	Urea	102142.078
<b>Total</b>				<b>152824.931</b>

<b>2020-2021</b>				
<b>S.NO</b>	<b>STATE NAME</b>	<b>DISTRICT</b>	<b>PRODUCT GROUP</b>	<b>QTY (IN MT)</b>
1	Bihar	Nalanda	DAP	27273.525
2	Bihar	Nalanda	MOP	3335.66
3	Bihar	Nalanda	NPKS	13732.525
4	Bihar	Nalanda	SSP	9371.5
5	Bihar	Nalanda	Urea	107522.676
<b>Total</b>				<b>161235.886</b>

<b>2021-2022</b>				
<b>S.NO</b>	<b>STATE NAME</b>	<b>DISTRICT</b>	<b>PRODUCT GROUP</b>	<b>QTY (IN MT)</b>
1	Bihar	Nalanda	DAP	16512.582
2	Bihar	Nalanda	MOP	801.39
3	Bihar	Nalanda	NPKS	18807.325
4	Bihar	Nalanda	SSP	10303.555
5	Bihar	Nalanda	Urea	86505.119
<b>Total</b>				<b>132929.971</b>

<b>2022-2023</b>				
<b>S.NO</b>	<b>STATE NAME</b>	<b>DISTRICT</b>	<b>PRODUCT GROUP</b>	<b>QTY (IN MT)</b>
1	Bihar	Nalanda	DAP	17360.523
2	Bihar	Nalanda	MOP	2029.663
3	Bihar	Nalanda	NPKS	13571.55
4	Bihar	Nalanda	SSP	11257.975
5	Bihar	Nalanda	Urea	96451.527
<b>Total</b>				<b>140671.238</b>

<b>2023-2024 (Up to 05 Dec 2023)</b>				
<b>S.NO</b>	<b>STATE NAME</b>	<b>DISTRICT</b>	<b>PRODUCT GROUP</b>	<b>QTY (IN MT)</b>
1.	Bihar	Nalanda	DAP	13399.525

2	Bihar	Nalanda	MOP	786.587
3	Bihar	Nalanda	NPKS	9045.975
4	Bihar	Nalanda	SSP	7270.15
5	Bihar	Nalanda	Urea	62115.851
<b>Total</b>				<b>92618.088</b>

Ref: <https://urvarak.nic.in/getComprehensiveReportOnLastMileSaleList.action>

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