Direct subsidy to farmers

†207. SHRI RAGHUNANDAN SHARMA: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

- since when provision of subsidy on chemical fertilizers was started; (a)
- the details of increase in the amount of subsidy on chemical fertilizers per tonne, year-wise and fertilizer-wise;
- (c) the measures being taken to provide the amount of subsidy directly to the farmers and to reduce the rising prices of fertilizers; and
 - the details thereof? (d)

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SRIKANT JENA): The provision of subsidy on chemical fertilizers was started in the year 1977-78.

- The details of subsidy on various chemical fertilizers per tonne during the last five years are given in Statement (See below).
- (c) and (d) As per the recommendations of the Task Force on direct transfer of subsidy in respect of Kerosene, LPG and Fertilizers set up under the chairmanship of Shri Nandan Nilekani, Chairman, Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI), the programme of direct payment of fertilizer subsidy to the farmers shall be implemented in three phases. In Phase-I information on availability of fertilizers at the farm gate level i.e. at retailer level shall be captured. In Phase-II, which will be implemented after the Phase-I stabilizes, the subsidy is expected to be transferred to the last point sale and in Phase-III, the subsidy is expected to be transferred directly to the intended beneficiary based on AADHAR Numbers.

Phase-I has already been implemented with effect from 1.11.2012. For implementation of this Phase about 1.93 lakh dealers have been registered in the mobile Fertilizer Monitoring System (mFMS), who will acknowledge the receipt of fertilizers through mobile. The Government has provided an incentive of Rs.50 PMT for acknowledging such receipt. The acknowledgment of fertilizer receipt by the dealer has been linked to subsidy payment as 5-15% of subsidy will be released to the companies only on the basis of acknowledgment of receipt. With implementation of this phase the information on availability of fertilizers at the last point of sale to the farmers shall be available on real time basis in mFMS.

It has been decided to move to phase-III directly. In this regard the Department has decided to implement direct transfer of subsidy to the intended beneficiaries on pilot basis in 11 districts across 10 States.

Statement

Details of subsidy on various chemical fertilizers

| SI. | Grades of Fertilizers@ | Subsidy amount in Rs per MT | | | | | |
|-----|------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------|---------|---------|---------|--|
| | | \$2008-09 | \$2009-10 | 2010-11 | 2011-12 | 2012-13 | |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | |
| 1. | DAP: 18-46-0-0 | 40661 | 10532 | 15968 | 19763 | 14350 | |
| 2. | MAP: 11-52-0-0 | 37942 | 8931 | 15879 | 19803 | 13978 | |
| 3. | TSP: 0-46-0-0 | 31842 | 6890 | 11787 | 14875 | 10030 | |
| 4. | MOP: 0-0-60-0 | 23250 | 21776 | 14392 | 16054 | 14400 | |
| 5. | 16-20-0-13 | 19109 | 7241 | 9073 | 11030 | 8419 | |
| 6. | 20-20-0-13 | 33062 | 8289 | 10002 | 12116 | 9379 | |
| 7. | 10-26-26-0 | 27868 | 17106 | 15222 | 18080 | 14309 | |
| 8. | 12-32-16 | 28261 | 14602 | 14825 | 17887 | 13697 | |
| 9. | 14-28-14 | 28445 | 13530 | 13785 | 16602 | 12825 | |
| 10. | 14-35-14 | 29806 | 14573 | 15578 | 18866 | 14351 | |
| 11. | 15-15-15 | 17380 | 12086 | 10926 | 12937 | 10471 | |
| 12. | AS: 20.6-0-0-23 | 5953 | 2509 | 5195 | 5979 | 5330 | |
| 13. | 20-20-0-0 | 17518 | 7939 | 9770 | 11898 | 9161 | |
| 14. | 28-28-0-0 | 27408 | 10155 | 13678 | 16657 | 12825 | |

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| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | |
| 15. | 17-17-17 | 22249 | 13320 | 12382 | 14662 | 11867 | |
| 16. | 19-19-19 | 25671 | 14652 | 13839 | 16387 | 13263 | |
| 17. | SSP | 8996 | *2000 | **4400 | 5359 | 3673 | |
| 18. | 16-16-16-0 | NA | NA | 11654 | 13800 | 11169 | |
| 19. | DAP lite (16-44-0-0) | NA | NA | 14991 | 18573 | 13434 | |
| 20. | 15-15-15-09 | NA | NA | 11086 | 13088 | 10622 | |
| 21. | 24-24-0-0 | NA | NA | 11724 | 14278 | 10993 | |

^{\$} The subsidy figures are average at it was computed on monthly basis.

NA: not in subsidy regime.

Shortage of fertilizers in Madhya Pradesh

208. SHRI PRABHAT JHA: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is aware of shortage of urea, DAP and other fertilizers in Madhya Pradesh during the current rabi season;
 - (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the details of the demand and supply of fertilizers during the current season, State-wise and district-wise in case of Madhya Pradesh; and
- (d) the steps Government will take to ensure proper availability of fertilizers during the current rabi season ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SRIKANT JENA): (a) to (c) The demand (requirement) assessed by Department of Agriculture (DAC) and availability of Urea, DAP, MOP and NPK in all the States including Madhya Pradesh during the current season *i.e.* Rabi 2012-13 (October, 2012) is at Annexure. [Refer to the Statement appended to the answer to USQ No. 205 Part (a) to (c)].

^{*} w.e.f. 1.10.2009.

[@] Fertilizer grades.

^{**} Rs. 4296 w.e.f. 1.1.11.