

Organizing 'Krishi Melas'

4069. SHRI TARUN VIJAY: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the fertilizer companies are organizing 'Krishi Melas' like auto expo in the country;
- (b) if so, whether the public representatives are invited in these Melas; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SRIKANT JENA): (a) to (c) Rashtriya Chemicals and Fertilizers (RCF), a fertilizer Public Sector Undertaking under the administrative control of Department of Fertilizers, organizes Krishi Melas. They invite representatives of the public in these Melas as per their availability. Other PSUs participate in Krishi Melas organized by State Agricultural Universities and State Governments.

Supply of fertilizers and pesticides

4070. SHRI K.C. TYAGI:

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

- (a) whether Government propose to provide sufficient supply of fertilizers and pesticides to the farmers of the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the steps taken to provide financial support for the States, including Tamil Nadu so as to provide essential fertilizers and pesticides to farmers at subsidized rate;
- (d) the names of fertilizers and pesticides manufacturers and suppliers from whom these fertilizers and pesticides are procured; and
- (e) the manner in which Government ensures the adequate supply of fertilizers and pesticides to the farmers of the country including, Tamil Nadu?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SRIKANT JENA): (a) to (e) The following steps are being taken by the Government to ensure adequate and timely availability of fertilizers