

Statement-V*Average MRPs of major P&K fertilizers reported in the FMS*

Sl. No.	Fertilizer Grade	Average price during 2014 (upto October, 2014) (₹ Per MT)
1.	DAP: 18-46-0-0	23232
2.	MOP:0-0-60-0	16646
3.	16-20-0-13	17622
4.	20-20-0-13	17762
5.	10-26-26-0	21449
6.	12-32-16	21750
7.	14-35-14	22771
8.	15-15-15	16550
9.	AS:20-6-0-0-23	15763
10.	20-20-0-0	15268
11.	17-17-17	21502
12.	19-19-19	20915
13.	SSP	7606

Optimal utilization of country's capacity to manufacture fertilizers

3044. SHRI VIVEK GUPTA: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether country's capacity to manufacture fertilizers is not being utilized optimally, if so, the reason therefor and measures proposed or taken by Government in this regard;

(b) the measures, alongwith targets, deadlines and outcomes, Government has undertaken or proposed in view of poor yield per hectare in the country as against other countries;

(c) whether Government is aware of huge liabilities in the payment of subsidies and the consequent delay in manufacturers receiving subsidies; and

(d) if so, the measures taken or proposed to be taken in this regard especially methods that are different from the previous Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI HANS RAJ GANGARAM AHIR): (a) Capacity of Urea is fully utilized except in 2-3 units in which capacity utilization is almost near 100%. In some of the Urea units, capacity utilization is more than 100%. In respect of Phosphatic and Potassic (P&K) fertilizers, the capacity utilization is much below 100% due to shortage of raw material, which are mostly imported. Sometime, the cost of production is higher than the cost of imported fertilizers, because of which there is a proposal to reduce the customs duty on inputs.

(b) The sowing window of Kharif crops during the current agricultural year is still open and it is too early to assess their productively for 2014-15. The details of productively of rice, wheat, pulses and food grains during the last three years, i.e. 2011-12 to 2013-14 are as under:-

Crop	Yield (Kg./Hectare)		
	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14*
Rice	2393	2461	2419
Wheat	3177	3117	3059
Pulses	699	789	770
Foodgrains	2078	2129	2095

* 3rd advance estimates

It may be observed that depending on the overall weather/rainfall situation in the country, there have been minor fluctuations in the productivity of above crops during the last three years.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) As per the existing practice, additional funds are allocated under supplementary grants or under Revised Estimates to liquidate outstanding subsidy claims. Alternatively, Special Banking Arrangements are also made with consortium of Public Sector Banks to avail short term loans to liquidate outstanding subsidy claims.