

(c) NPPA, as an ongoing process, fixes the ceiling prices of the formulations as and when formulations are included in the National List of Essential Medicines (NLEM).

Subsidy on fertilizers

1803. SHRI RAJMANI PATEL:

SHRI HARNATH SINGH YADAV:

SHRI VIJAY PAL SINGH TOMAR

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

(a) the subsidy being given by Government on urea-based and non-urea fertilizers, as on date:

(b) whether Government proposes to slash the subsidy on non-urea fertilizers by twenty per cent, if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has made any assessment of the likely impact on the economic condition of farmers due to the reduction of subsidy on non-urea fertilizers; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the remedial measures proposed to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (RAO INDERJIT SINGH): (a) The subsidy being given by Government on urea-based and non-urea fertilizers as on 24.12.2018 is given in the Statement (*See below*).

(b) to (d) No Sir, at present there is no proposal under consideration of the Government to slash the subsidy on P&K fertilizers for the year 2018-19.

An Inter-Ministerial Committee (IMC) constituted under the Nutrient Based Subsidy (NBS) Scheme, recommends the subsidy rates for P&K fertilizers based on the international prices of these commodities, exchange rate variation, MRP of these fertilizers and inventory level. Based on the recommendation of IMC, Government of India announces the NBS rates for P&K Fertilizers for one year.

Statement

*Subsidy given by the Government in current year 2018-19 on
Urea-based and Non-Urea fertilizers as on 24.12.2018*

(₹ in crores)

| Fertilizers | | Subsidy |
|------------------------|-----------------|----------|
| Urea-based Fertilizers | Indigenous Urea | 29067.12 |
| | Imported Urea | 8796.65 |
| Non-Urea Fertilizers | Indigenous P&K | 13640.61 |
| | Imported P&K | 8775.98 |
| | City Compost | 6.92 |
| TOTAL | | 60287.28 |

Increase in supply to power sector

1804. SHRIMATI SHANTA CHHETRI: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether Coal India claims to have increased supplies to the power sector by nine per cent between 1 April to 12 October, 2018;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether increased demand for coal has forced some 11,500 MW generation capacity to remain idle for several days;

(d) whether 3,300 MW generation capacity has been lying idle due to lack of power purchase agreements; and

(e) if so, the steps Ministry is taking to improve the coal supply to the power plants and to conclude power purchase agreements so that plants do not remain idle?

THE MINISTER OF COAL (SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL): (a) and (b) Yes, sir. In 2018-19 (up to 12.10.2018), coal supply of 247.69 Million Tonnes (MT) has been made by Coal India Limited (CIL) to the Power sector, thereby achieving a growth of more than 9.4% over the supply of 226.39 MT in the corresponding period of last year same period.

(c) The programme for coal based power generation in 2018-19 (April-Nov.) was 663.60 BU, against which actual generation was 658 BU. Further, the generation by domestic coal based plants was 605.01 BU, which was 101% of programme