

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY, DAIRYING AND FISHERIES (SHRI SANJEEV KUMAR BALYAN): (a) Yes, the milk production has increased in all States during the survey period 2018-19 (Provisional) except in Kerala and Nagaland.

(b) As per National Dairy Development Board (NDDB), during 2018-19, the milk procurement by cooperatives reached 507.5 Lakh Kg per day. The milk procured by cooperatives in the country during last 5 years is as under:

Milk procurement by dairy cooperatives: All-India

Year	Procurement (TKgPD)
2014-15	37,833
2015-16	42,557
2016-17	42,868
2017-18	47,521
2018-19*	50,752

\*Provisional, TKgPD: thousand kilograms per day

Source: NDDB

(c) The Whole Sale Price Index (Base year 2011-12=100) of milk has increased from 143.2 in July, 2018 to 143.8 (Provisional) in June 2019.

#### **Difficulties in providing subsidy on fertilizer**

3065. DR. SASIKALAPUSHPARAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is providing subsidies on fertilizers that are used by farmers across the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government came across any difficulties/identified bottlenecks in providing subsidies to farmers;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the details of remedial measures that Government proposes to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI D. V. SADANANDA GOWDA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Government is providing subsidies on fertilizers that are used by farmers across the country. The details of the subsidy paid by the Government during last three years are given in the Statement (*See below*).

(c) No, Sir. The Government did not come across any difficulties/identified bottlenecks in providing subsidies.

(d) and (e) Does not arise in view of (c) above.

***Statement***

*Details of Fertilizers subsidy made available by the Government on various fertilizers during the last three years (2016-17 to 2018-19)*

(₹ in crores)

Year	Indigenous Urea	Imported Urea	Indigenous P&K	City Compost	Imported P&K	Total
2016-17	40000.00	11256.59	11842.88	0.55	6999.99	70100.01
2017-18	36973.70	9980.00	14337.00	7.26	7900.00	69197.96
2018-19	32189.50	17155.36	14820.35	10.00	9260.00	73435.21

**Use of pesticides on crops**

3066. SHRI SANJAY SINGH: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that farmers in Punjab use the highest amounts of pesticides on their crops;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) if not, the reasons for the data showing otherwise; and

(d) the steps taken to reduce the amount of pesticides being used?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE (SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR): (a) As informed by the State of Punjab, the