

(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

consumption of pesticide in the State was 5743 MT, 5843 MT and 5835 MT (Technical Grade) during 2015-16, 2016-17 and 2017-18 respectively.

It is submitted that there is no study/report available to state that farmers in Punjab use the highest amount of pesticides on their crops.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) The Department is propagating the use of Integrated Pest Management (IPM). The IPM seeks to promote cultural, mechanical, biological methods of pest control and recommends judicious use of chemical pesticides. This Department has established 35 Central Integrated Pest Management Centres (CIPMCs) across the country including one in Punjab (Jalandhar). These CIPMCs propagate the use of Integrated Pest Management and recommend judicious use of chemical pesticide. The CIPMCs, *inter alia*, releases bio-control agents in the fields, conducts Farmers Field Schools and organizes IPM orientation programs. In the last three years, 5957.25 million of bio-control agents have been released, 2142 nos. of Farmers Field Schools and 391 nos. of IPM orientation programs have been organized by the CIPMCs.

#### **Subsidies on fertilizers**

3067. DR. AMEE YAJNIK:

SHRI VIJAY PAL SINGH TOMAR:

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

(a) whether Government is going to cut subsidies on fertilizers which are used by the poor farmers;

(b) if so, the details worked out so far;

(c) in what manner Government would protect the poor people who are unable to purchase them in the open market at such high rate; and

(d) the reasons why Government is failing to provide fertilizers at the rates affordable to the farmers in the current year?

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI D. V. SADANANDA GOWDA): (a) No, Sir. There is no such proposal at present.