

(Unit: Lakh MTS)

Years	UREA	DAP	MOP	COMPLEX	SSP	Total Products
2016-17	296.14	89.64	28.63	84.14	37.57	536.11
2017-18	298.94	92.94	31.58	85.96	34.39	543.81
2018-19	313.98	92.08	29.53	90.88	35.61	562.08

*Source:* State Governments

(c) Government is advocating soil test based integrated Nutrient Management (INM) to promote judicious use of fertilizers. Integrated Pest Management (IPM) approach is being promoted to educate the farmers about judicious use of chemical pesticides and to recommend use as per the directions prescribed on the label and leaflets. Pesticides including weedicides or herbicides are registered for manufacture, import and for use in the country after evaluating its safety to human health, animals and environments

A combined "Fertilizer Application Awareness Programme" was jointly organized by DAC&FW, DARE and DOF. The inaugural Awareness Campaign was launched by Hon'ble Minister of Chemicals & Fertilizers and Hon'ble Minister of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare at Delhi, ICAR Head Quarters on 22nd October, 2019 which was attended by large number of farmers.

### **Working of Kisan Seva Kendras**

†2916. SHRIMATI SAMPATIYA UIKEY:

SHRI VISHAMBHAR PRASAD NISHAD:

SHRIMATI CHHAYA VERMA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Kisan Seva Kendras operating in the country are deviating from their objective and are working only for the benefit of selected influential farmers which has led to frustration among the small and marginal farmers;

(b) if so, whether the Ministry would consider developing a mechanism to enhance access to the Kisan Seva Kendras operating in the country, along with the details thereof; and

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(c) the percentage-wise shortage of human resources at Kisan Seva Kendras currently operating in the country?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE (SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR): (a) to (c) As reported by Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas-Kisan Seva Kendras (KSKs) are rural retail outlets of Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOCL) where all customers who come for refueling are serviced. As per market requirement, Indian Oil Corporation Limited Kisan Seva Kendras (IOCL KSKs) also provide allied facilities like Micro ATM, Convenience Store, Fertilizers/Pesticides, farm equipments etc. depending upon the buying habits and preference of the local rural customers.

The number of such Indian Oil Corporation (IOC) Kisan Seva Kendras (rural retail outlets) operating in the country as on 01.10.2019 is 8044. Further, IOCL has advertised 13827 number of KSK locations during the last advertisement issued in Nov/Dec., 2018.

The number of staff deployed at retail outlets depends on various factors like type of market (urban/rural/Metro), nature of clientele (2/3W/Car/Commercial vehicles), number of dispensing units installed, the Retail Outlets (RO) working hours, number of shifts etc. Moreover, the deployment of manpower at retail outlets is being done by the dealers.

#### **Protection of crops from wild animals**

†2917. SHRIMATI CHHAYA VERMA:

SHRI VISHAMBHAR PRASAD NISHAD:

SHRIMATI SAMPATIYA UIKEY:

CH. SUKHRAM SINGH YADAV:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the steps being taken by the Ministry to protect the crops of farmers from wild/stray animals;

(b) whether the Ministry would consider setting up Animal Refuge Centres for such animals so that the crops are protected from these animals; and

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