

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
DEPARTMENT OF FERTILIZERS
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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1783 TO BE ANSWERED ON: 14.12.2021

Steps taken to control prices of fertilizers

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

- (a) whether there is a scarcity of fertilizers and resultant spiralling of prices in the country and as a result the farmers are facing lot of problems, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the steps taken by Government in this regard, whether any advisory has been issued by Government to farmers not to hoard fertilisers; and
- (c) whether Government is considering to import fertilizers to help farmers and to remove their hardships, if so, details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS AND NEW &
RENEWABLE ENERGY (BHAGWANTH KHUBA)

(a) : The fertilizer availability in the country have remained comfortable during the ongoing Rabi 2021-22 season as per the following details:-

S. NO	PRODUCT GROUP	SEASONAL REQUIREMENT	PRO- RATA REQUIREMENT UPTO 08.12.2021	AVAILABILITY UPTO 08.12.2021	DBT SALES UPTO 08.12.2021	CLOSING STOCK AS ON 08.12.2021
1	UREA	179.00	87.20	101.28	63.22	38.06
2	DAP	58.71	37.67	39.62	31.88	7.73
3	MOP	16.86	7.56	8.81	5.41	3.40
4	NPKS	60.86	27.99	49.94	30.68	19.25

There has been increase in the prices of raw materials and finished P&K fertilizers in the international markets during 2021-22. In order to support the farming community, the prices under NBS subsidy for 2021-22 were notified twice on 20.05.2021 and on 13.10.2021 increasing the subsidy rates. The subsidy rates during FY 2021-22 May be seen at **Annexure-A**.

Urea is being provided to the farmers at statutorily notified Maximum Retail Price (MRP) of Rs 242 per 45 Kg bad (exclusive of charges towards neem coating and taxes as applicable). The difference between the delivered cost of Urea at farm gate and net market realization by the urea units is given as subsidy to urea manufacturers/importers by the Government of India.

Therefore, both P&K fertilizers and Urea are available in the country for agricultural purposes at subsidized rates.

(b) : Government of India has declared fertilizer as an essential commodity under the Essential Commodities Act, 1955 and notified Fertilizer Control Order, 1985 and Fertilizer (Movement Control) Order, 1973. State Governments have been adequately empowered to ensure selling of fertilizers at MRP besides stopping black marketing/smuggling of fertilizers. State Governments are empowered to conduct search, make seizures and take punitive action against any person violating provisions of Essential Commodities Act, 1955 and Fertilizer Control Order 1985. In addition to above, necessary directions are also issued time to time to State Governments to curb the hoarding/black-marketing of fertilizers.

(c) : Sir, the mandate of Department of fertilizers is to ensure adequate/comfortable availability of fertilizers at the State level based on the requirement assessed by the Department of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare (DA&FW) in consultation with the State Government. Therefore, based on the requirement projected by the DA&FW and the production target of the fertilizer producing companies, Department of fertilizers import Urea to ensure the adequate/comfortable fertilizer in the country. Similarly, the fertilizer companies import P&K fertilizers to bridge the gap between requirement & production as the P&K Sector is a decontrolled sector.

Annexure-A

From 01.04.2021 to 19.05.2021

S.No.	Nutrients	NBS (Rs. Per Kg of Nutrient
1.	N	18.789
2.	P	14.888
3.	K	10.116
4.	S	2.374

From 20.05.2021 to 30.09.2021

S.No.	Nutrients	NBS (Rs. Per Kg of Nutrient
1.	N	18.789
2.	P	45.323
3.	K	10.116
4.	S	2.374

From 01.10.2021 to 31.03.2022

S.No.	Nutrients	NBS (Rs. Per Kg of Nutrient
1.	N	18.789
2.	P	45.323
3.	K	10.116
4.	S	2.374

Special one-time package with an additional subsidy for the following P&K fertilizers, applicable from 01.10.2021 to 31.03.2022 were:

S. No.	Name of Fertilizers	Additional subsidy over and above the NBS rates fixed for the same period (in Rs./MT)
1.	DAP 18-46-0-0	8769
2.	NPK 20-20-0-13	2000
3.	NPK 10-26-26-0	2000
4.	NPK 12-32-16	2000
