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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO- 3376
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 1/4/2022

SHORTAGE OF FERTILISERS

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

- (a) whether the country is facing acute shortage of fertilisers as per the analysis of Integrated Fertilizer Management System (IFMS) data;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether fertilizers are being sold at exorbitant rates in black market, if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether it is a fact that amidst this acute shortage, Government has reduced subsidy on urea and nutrient-based NPK fertilisers which would adversely hit the ailing farm sector;
- (e) whether several farmers have committed suicide in Bundelkhand region owing to fertiliser shortage; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

(SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR)

- (a) & (b) The availability of fertilizers is comfortable across the country.
- (c) Government of India has declared fertilizer as an essential commodity under the Essential Commodities Act (ECA), 1955 and notified Fertilizer Control Order (FCO), 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. States take suitable actions against such person violating provisions of FCO – 1985 and ECA, 1955.
- (d) In spite of increasing international prices, Government has ensured availability of Urea (45 kg bag) to the farmers at the statutory price of Rs. 242 per bag (exclusive of charges towards neem coating and

taxes as applicable) by enhancing the subsidy outlay for Urea from Rs. 62797.68 Cr to Rs. 84990.42 Cr. for 2021-22.

Further, Government has also increased the subsidy under Nutrient Based Subsidy (NBS) scheme for P&K fertilizers twice during 2021-22, in the wake of the volatility in prices in the international markets. Subsequently, subsidy outlay for NBS scheme was increased from Rs. 20762 Cr to Rs.64192 Cr. for 2021-22.

(e) & (f) There has been neither shortage of fertilizers in Bundelkhand region nor any incident of farmer's suicide came to notice during Rabi 2021-22. Further a quantity of 300883 MT fertilizer was available for the districts of Bundelkhand (Jhansi, Lalitpur, Jalaun, Hamirpur, Mahoba, Banda and chitrakoot) in the year 2021-22 and 272655 MT fertilizer sale has taken place.
