

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
DEPARTMENT OF FERTILIZERS

RAJYA SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO. 147 TO BE ANSWERED ON: 15.03.2022

Reduction of subsidy on urea and nutrient-based (NPK) fertilizers

147: SHRI SANJAY SINGH:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that the country is facing an acute shortage of fertilisers as per analysis of the Integrated Fertilizer Management System (iFMS) data;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether it is a fact that amid this acute shortage, Government has reduced subsidy on urea and nutrient based (NPK) fertilisers and this move is expected to adversely hit the ailing farm sector; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE AND CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS

(DR. MANSUKH MANDAVIYA)

- (a) to (d): Statement laid on the table of the house.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO PART (a) TO (d) OF RAJYA SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 147* FOR ANSWERING ON 15.03.2022 REGARDING "REDUCTION OF SUBSIDY ON UREA AND NUTRIENT-BASED (NPK) FERTILIZERS ASKED BY SHRI SANJAY SINGH.

(a) & (b): No, Sir. The availability of fertilizers is comfortable across the country.

(c) & (d): No, Sir.

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.64192Cr.for 2021-22.
