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High fertilizer prices and fertilizer shortage in the country

178. SHRI SANJAY SINGH :

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that the global rise in fertiliser prices due to shortage is causing a severe blow to the farmers of the country with fertiliser prices rising over 30 per cent since the beginning of 2022 following the 80 per cent surge from the last year;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps taken by Government to provide relief to the farmers?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE FOR CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS
(SHRI BHAGWANTH KHUBA)**

(a) to (c) : Sir, it is true that the global prices of finished fertilizers as well as their raw materials have shown price volatility in last year. However, it is informed that the price of Urea is provided to the farmers at a statutorily notified Maximum Retail Price (MRP). The MRP of 45 kg bag of urea is Rs. 242 per bag (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 the urea manufacturer/importer by the Government of India. Accordingly, all farmers are being supplied urea at the subsidized rates.

As far as P&K fertilizers is concerned, it is informed that the subsidy rates of P&K fertilizers are under the Nutrient Based Subsidy (NBS) scheme which were increased on 20.5.2021 & 13.10.2021 (giving special compensation on DAP and 3 most commonly used NPK fertilizers) for the year 2021-22 and then further increased substantially for Kharif-2022 (applicable from 01.4.2022 to 30.9.2022), so that these fertilizers are made available at affordable prices to the farmers. The increase in the per kg subsidy rates for nutrients viz. N, P, K and S under NBS scheme is as under:

| S. No. | Nutrients | NBS (Rs. Per Kg of Nutrient) (from 01.04.2021 to 19.05.2021) | NBS (Rs. Per Kg of Nutrient (from 20.05.2021 to 31.03.2022) ** | NBS (Rs. Per Kg of Nutrient) (from 01.04.2022 to 30.09.2022) |
|--------|-----------|---|---|---|
| 1. | N | 18.789 | 18.789 | 91.96 |
| 2. | P | 14.888 | 45.323 | 72.74 |
| 3. | K | 10.116 | 10.116 | 25.31 |
| 4. | S | 2.374 | 2.374 | 6.94 |

** A special one-time package with additional subsidy has been provided (effective from 01.10.2021 to 31.3.2022) for DAP at Rs.8769/MT and 3 most consumed NPK fertilizers (10:26:26, 20:20:0:13 and 12:32:16) at Rs. 2000/MT for each grade in order to make P&K fertilizers available at affordable prices to the farmers.

It is also informed that there is no shortage of fertilizers in the country during the ongoing Kharif 2022 season and Urea and P&K fertilizers are not only available at affordable prices, but also are sufficiently available to the farmers.
