

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS  
DEPARTMENT OF FERTILIZERS

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**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 348 TO BE ANSWERED ON: 06.02.2024**

**Impact of ongoing conflict in the red sea region on supply of fertilizer**

**348 SHRI VIJAY PAL SINGH TOMAR:**

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

- (a) whether Government has taken cognizance of the impact of the ongoing tensions in the Red Sea region on the supply chain and costs associated with the import of fertilizers into India;
- (b) if so, the details of measures taken to ensure uninterrupted supply of fertilizers in the country;
- (c) whether Government has taken steps to provide security to Indian cargo ships, especially the shipments carrying fertilizer; and
- (d) if so, the details of the steps taken and if not, the reasons therefor?

**ANSWER**

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

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(a) to (d): Department of Fertilizers is regularly monitoring the status of Fertilizer ships in close coordination with Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways, Ministry of Defence, Ministry of External Affairs and Indian Navy to provide security to the shipments carrying fertilizers to India. So far, 7 ships carrying Fertilizers have been rerouted from Red Sea.

Further, in the light of ongoing disturbances in the Red Sea, a committee has been constituted in the department to examine the matters related to Red Sea Crisis.

Moreover, a Fertilizer Control Room (FCR) has also been setup in the Department of Fertilizers, wherein fertilizer companies which are facing problems due to the red sea crisis may report their issues. The issues reported by the companies are placed before the committee for necessary action.

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