

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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DEPARTMENT OF FERTILIZERS

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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1298 TO BE ANSWERED ON 11.03.2025

Price control of fertilizers

1298: DR. V. SIVADASAN:

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

- (a) the average price of fertilizers in the country in the last five years, fertilizer-wise and year-wise;
- (b) the amount of subsidy allocated for fertilizers in the last five years in the Union budget, year-wise; and
- (c) the measures taken by the Union Government to provide fertilizers at affordable rates to farmers?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS
(SMT. ANUPRIYA PATEL)

(a): The details of the average price of fertilizers during the last five years are as under:-

I. Urea:

The MRP of Urea (exclusive of Central/State levies/GST and charges towards neem coating) from 1.3.2018 to till date is Rs. 242 Per 45 Kg Bag.

II. Major P&K Fertilizers:

S. No.	Grade	Average Price per 50 Kg bag (In Rs.)				
		2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
1	DAP	1325.91	1248.34	1250.2	1347	1350
2	MOP	949.05	893.63	1166.9	1707.4	1699.35
3	SSP	392.41	401.6	354.75	501.8	526.8
4	NPK 10-26-26	1287.55	1228.78	1487.55	1488.5	1469.75
5	NPK 12-32-16	1286.71	1232.175	1436.65	1578.1	1493.26
6	NPK 20-20-0-13	1035.35	1232.65	1232.65	1402.3	1263.78

(b): The details of the amount of subsidy allocated for fertilizers in the last five years in the Union budget, year-wise is as under:-

Financial Year	Amount Allocated (in Crores)
2019-20	83467
2020-21	131229
2021-22	157640
2022-23	254799
2023-24	195421

(c): The measures taken by the Union Government to provide fertilizers at affordable rates to farmers are as under:-

I. Urea

Under Urea Subsidy Scheme, Urea is presently 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 of the country are supplied urea at the subsidized rates and thereby are beneficiaries of this scheme.

II. P&K Fertilizers

In case of Phosphatic and Potassic (P&K) fertilizers, Government has implemented Nutrient Based Subsidy (NBS) Policy w.e.f. 01.04.2010. Under the policy, a fixed amount of subsidy, decided on annual/bi-annual basis, is provided to manufacturer / importer on notified P&K fertilizers depending on their nutrient content i.e. Nitrogen (N), Phosphorus (P), Potassium (K) and Sulphur (S) to improve availability of fertilizers to farmers. The Government monitors international prices of key fertilizers and raw materials and fluctuations, if any, are subsumed while fixing NBS rates for P&K fertilizers annually / bi-annually.

Recently, in wake of recent Geopolitical crisis which led to major disruption in import of fertilizers, pro-active steps were taken in Kharif 2024 to ensure smooth availability of P&K fertilizers to the farmers. In July 2024, the Government took immediate measures to ensure regular imports through a one-time special package on DAP beyond the NBS rates for the period from 01.04.2024 till 31.12.2024 @ 3500 per MT which has later been extended till 31.03.2025 to ensure sustainable availability of DAP at affordable price to the farmers.

Further, in order to ensure availability of fertilizers at affordable prices to farmers, Government has issued guidelines to evaluate reasonability of MRPs fixed by the P&K fertilizer companies. As per the guidelines, any profit earned by P&K fertilizer companies over and above fixed margin is recovered. An Aadhar based Complaints' Portal is also in place ([https:// complaints. dbtfert. nic.in /Complaint](https://complaints.dbtfert.nic.in/Complaint)) to report any grievance.
