

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
DEPARTMENT OF FERTILIZERS

LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2473 TO BE ANSWERED ON: 13.02.2026

Curb on Black Marketing of Fertilisers

2473: SHRI SASIKANTH SENTHIL:

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

- (a) whether the Government has taken any steps to curb black marketing, hoarding and smuggling of chemical fertilisers during the Rabi season of 2025–26, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether any raids have been conducted by the Government against fertiliser dealers for sale irregularities, particularly in border districts (such as near Nepal); and
- (c) if so, the details of FIRs registered and licences cancelled/suspended?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS

(SMT. ANUPRIYA PATEL)

(a) to (c) In order to address the issues such as black-marketing, hoarding and smuggling, fertilizers are declared as an essential commodity under the Essential Commodities Act, 1955 and notified under Fertilizer Control Order, 1985. State Governments are empowered to take action against persons involved in said malpractices, as per provisions of EC Act. Any complaints received at Department of Fertilizers level regarding these malpractices are sent to concerned State Government to take appropriate action under Essential Commodities Act, 1955 and Fertilizer Control Order, 1985.

Accordingly, the Government of India in consultation with the State Government is regularly monitoring the enforcement action taken by State Government against the cases of Black marketing, Hoarding, Sub-standard and Diversion. The States having border districts with neighbouring countries have reported that, to prevent such malpractices, joint inspections with State Agriculture Officers, surprise raids, and stock verification of dealers were conducted, and action was taken under the Essential Commodities Act and the Fertilizer Control Order (FCO), 1985. Further, enforcement was strengthened through regular inspections of manufacturers,

wholesalers, and retailers; special drives against overpricing and diversion; monitoring of stocks and movement; quality testing of samples; and implementation of Urea Diversion Prevention Campaigns.

Further, across the States, Since April 2025, 4,30,541 raids have been conducted with 15,544 show cause notices issued, 6,620 licenses suspended/cancelled and 794 FIRs registered against defaulters. The statement indicating the number of cases of Black marketing, Hoarding, Sub-standard and Diversion of fertilizers reported by the State Government is placed at **Annexure**.

Annexure referred to in reply to part (a) to (c) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No 2473 for answering on 13.02.2026

Annexure-																	
Cumulative Statement from April 25 to February 26 (as on 06.02.2026)																	
Action taken by the State Government to check black marketing, hoarding, quality check, diversion etc during the Kharif season from April 2025 to February 2026 as on date (06.02.2026)																	
		Black Marketing			Hoarding			Sub Standard Quality			Diversion			Convicti on with details*	Total		
States	No. of Inspectio ns /raids	Show cause notice issued	No. of licenses cancelle d/su spended	FIR registered	Show cause notice issued	No. of licenses cancelle d/su spended	FIR registered	Show cause notice issued	No. of licenses cancelle d/su spended	FIR registre red	Show cause notice issued	No. of licenses cancelle d/su spended	FIR registre red		Show cause notice issued	No. of licenses cancelle d/su spended	FIR registre red
Andhra Pradesh	21631	80	10	9	196	11	19	354	0	0	19	4	12	NIL	649	25	40
Arunachal Pradesh	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	NIL	0	0	0
Assam	4864	12	6	1	59	0	0	46	1	0	27	0	0	NIL	144	7	1
Bihar	23443	1264	797	117	7	0	0	6	0	0	0	0	0	NIL	1277	797	117
Chhattisgarh	6975	295	13	4	29	1	0	145	5	0	24	0	0	NIL	493	19	4
Dadar & Nagar	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	NIL	0	0	0
Delhi	355	0	0	1	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	3	0	NIL	3	3	1
Goa	619	544	180	6	10	0	0	32	1	0	16	0	0	NIL	602	181	6
Gujarat	16480	56	3	1	25	0	0	131	2	0	19	4	11	NIL	231	9	12
Haryana	5139	65	15	10	24	20	5	51	12	6	13	5	6	NIL	153	52	27
Himachal Pradesh	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	NIL	0	0	0
Jammu & Kashmir	4855	143	44	2	34	3	0	67	2	0	8	0	0	NIL	252	49	2
Jharkhand	759	57	20	11	32	4	0	2	0	0	1	1	0	NIL	92	25	11
Karnataka	8824	368	25	1	243	5	0	246	14	2	96	6	8	NIL	953	50	11
Kerala	1608	0	0	0	0	0	0	50	0	0	4	0	4	NIL	54	0	4
Madhya Pradesh	6110	0	0	92	0	0	0	744	44	4	729	160	15	NIL	1473	204	111
Maharashtra	49007	16	0	16	0	0	0	1704	1354	44	1	73	2	NIL	1721	1427	62
Manipur	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	NIL	1	0	0
Meghalaya	707	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	NIL	0	0	0
Mizoram	37	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	NIL	6	0	0
Nagaland	78	14	0	14	0	0	0	101	0	0	2	64	1	NIL	117	64	15
Odisha	7640	4	3	2	0	0	0	55	1	1	2084	110	4	NIL	2143	114	7
Puducherry	52	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	NIL	0	0	0
Punjab	6513	37	1	1	20	0	1	307	93	3	5	0	6	NIL	369	94	11
Rajasthan	11938	652	118	48	74	40	34	512	1	2	27	22	27	NIL	1265	181	111
Tamilnadu	21342	14	0	4	6	8	0	33	25	0	112	17	1	NIL	165	50	5
Telangana	135052	5	9	3	4	2	0	128	0	0	4	0	5	NIL	141	11	8
Tripura	803	0	0	0	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	NIL	9	0	0
Uttar Pradesh	42548	2480	2951	183	164	139	11	167	161	20	88	7	14	3	2899	3258	228
Uttarakhand	510	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	43	0	0	NIL	43	0	0
West Bengal	52634	0	0	0	0	0	0	289	0	0	0	0	0	NIL	289	0	0
Total	430541	6108	4195	526	936	233	70	5173	1716	82	3327	476	116	3	15544	6620	794

