

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
DEPARTMENT OF FERTILIZERS

LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2229 TO BE ANSWERED ON 31.07.2026

“Diversion of Fertilizers”

2229. Shri Karti P Chidambaram:

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

- (a) the quantum of subsidized urea and DAP diverted for non-agricultural/industrial use as identified by enforcement agencies during the last two Kharif and Rabi seasons, State-wise;
- (b) the prosecutions launched, against dealers and companies found violating the Fertilizer Control Order, 1985;
- (c) whether Government has made any assessment regarding the adequacy of the neem-coating and point-of-sale verification mechanisms in preventing diversion, if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the concrete steps proposed to prevent artificial shortages and price gouging ahead of the upcoming sowing season across the country, State-wise?

ANSWER

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

(a) & (b) : In order to address the issues of black-marketing, hoarding, diversion of fertilizers and other malpractices, fertilizers are declared as an essential commodity under the Essential Commodities Act-1955 and notified under Fertilizer Control Order-1985. State Governments are adequately empowered to take action against persons involved in such malpractices, as per provisions of EC Act. The prosecutions launched, against dealers and companies found violating the Fertilizer Control Order, 1985. Moreover, Department of Agriculture & Farmer's Welfare, in consultation with the State Governments, is regularly monitoring the enforcement action taken by States against

the cases of Black marketing, Hoarding, Sub-standard and Diversion on weekly basis. As informed by DA&FW, in the country in FY 2025-26, 4,84,663 raids have been conducted, 17,392 show cause notices have been issued, 6,941 licenses have been suspended/cancelled, and 847 FIRs have been registered against defaulters. In FY 2026-27 i.e. from 01.04.2026 to 24.07.2026, 1,69,031 raids have been conducted, 9,127 show cause notices have been issued, 2,868 licenses have been suspended/cancelled and 270 FIRs have been registered against defaulters to curb these malpractices; the State-wise information of enforcement activities along with quantity of fertilizers seized in FY 2026-27 are placed at **Annexure**.

(c): During the year 2015, the Union Government made it mandatory for all the domestic producers and importers of Urea to supply 100% Neem Coated Urea. Subsequent to the introduction of Neem Coated Urea (NCU), one of the primary benefits of Neem Coating is that due to slow release, the consumption of NCU reduces as compared to normal urea.

Under DBT system for sale in Fertilizers, the sale of subsidized fertilizers is done by 100% Aadhaar based authentication of the beneficiary as per Section-7 of Aadhaar Act, 2016. Additionally, a monthly ceiling of 50 bags per buyer per month is placed for equitable distribution of fertilizers except for Telangana having the ceiling of 2 Bags per Acre (for Urea only) per buyer and Jammu & Kashmir having the ceiling of 60 bags per buyer per season. Based on the purchase, various reports are made available in the iFMS Dashboards for monitoring by respective State Officials. Additionally, under the 'Framework for Fertilizer Sale' in 42 identified districts of 21 States, the fertilizer is being sold to the identified farmer as per General Fertilizer Recommendation (GFR) based on land area and crop sown. Ceiling of bags is different in the Pilot districts under the 'Framework for Fertilizer Sale' as decided by the respective states.

(d) : Following steps are taken by the Government every season for ensuring timely and adequate availability of subsidized fertilizers in the country;

(i) Before the commencement of each cropping season, Department of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare (DA&FW), in consultation with all the State Governments, assesses the State-wise & month-wise requirement of fertilizers. Based

on requirement projected by DA & FW, Department of Fertilizers (DoF) allocates adequate quantities of fertilizers to States by issuing monthly supply plan and continuously monitors the availability.

(ii) The movement of all major subsidized fertilizers is monitored throughout the country by an on-line web-based monitoring system called integrated Fertilizer Management System (iFMS).

(iii) The gap between demand (requirement) and production for Urea & other fertilizer is met through imports. The import for the season is also finalized well in advance to ensure timely availability.

(iv) The State Governments are regularly advised to coordinate with manufacturers and importers for streamlining the supplies through timely placement of indents.

(v) Regular coordination is done with the Ministry of Railways for giving sufficient rakes, priority to fertilizers and for timely evacuation of rakes for States.

(vi) The distribution of fertilizers within the State at district/block level is done by the concerned State government.

Annexure referred to in reply of part (b) to (c) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Quesiton No. 2110 for answering on 31.07.2026

Cumulative Statement from April 26 to July 26 (as on 17.07.2026)

Action taken by the State Government to check black marketing, hoarding, quality check, diversion etc during the Kharif season from April 2026 to July 2026 as on date (17.07.2026)

States	No. of Inspections /raids	Black Marketing			Hoarding			Sub Standard Quality			Diversion			Conviction with details*	Quantity of material seized (in terms of Bag)	Total		
		Show cause notice issued	No. of licenses cancelled/suspended	FIR registered	Show cause notice issued	No. of licenses cancelled/suspended	FIR registered	Show cause notice issued	No. of licenses cancelled/suspended	FIR registered	Show cause notice issued	No. of licenses cancelled/suspended	FIR registered			Show cause notice issued	No. of licenses cancelled/suspended	FIR registered
Andaman & Nicobar Islands	32	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	NIL	0	0	0	0
Andhra Pradesh	5126	4	4	0	92	66	2	30	0	0	0	0	0	NIL	0	126	70	2
Arunachal Pradesh	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	NIL	0	0	0	0
Assam	2754	6	0	0	6	0	0	0	0	0	4	4	0	NIL	0	16	4	0
Bihar	14139	614	604	57	1	149	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	NIL	0	615	753	72
Chhattisgarh	4888	207	48	3	34	9	1	38	0	1	0	0	0	NIL	28260	279	57	5
Dadar & Nagar	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	NIL	0	0	0	0
Delhi	130	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	NIL	0	0	0	0
Goa	13	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	NIL	0	0	0	0
Gujarat	7304	39	0	1	4	3	0	17	0	8	1	0	5	NIL	0	61	3	14
Haryana	425	5	7	0	21	24	3	6	3	0	3	6	2	NIL	0	35	40	5
Himachal Pradesh	41	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	NIL	0	0	0	0
Jammu & Kashmir	9065	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	NIL	1562	0	0	1
Jharkhand	575	10	0	0	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	NIL	0	18	0	0
Karnataka	15192	2128	2	0	0	0	0	71	0	0	5	0	6	NIL	4208	2204	2	6
Kerala	603	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	2	0	0	NIL	2202	7	0	0
Madhya Pradesh	958	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	9	23	22	0	NIL	0	23	22	11
Maharashtra	38441	850	575	17	728	222	0	56	290	34	16	20	7	NIL	0	1650	1107	58
Manipur	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	NIL	0	0	0	0
Meghalaya	314	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	NIL	0	0	0	0
Mizoram	94	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	NIL	0	0	0	0
Nagaland	83	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	NIL	0	0	0	0
Odisha	8974	0	2	0	0	0	1	4	2	0	0	0	0	NIL	120	4	4	1
Puducherry	36	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	NIL	0	0	0	0
Punjab	1776	10	0	0	0	0	0	44	5	4	49	0	7	NIL	0	103	5	11
Rajasthan	7428	688	17	1	130	28	3	111	0	1	167	1	5	NIL	4288	1096	46	10
Tamilnadu	4894	0	0	0	138	0	6	221	0	0	118	0	2	NIL	0	477	0	8
Telangana	10437	28	9	3	0	0	0	0	2	0	3	2	1	NIL	0	31	13	4
Tripura	867	0	0	0	146	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	NIL	0	146	0	0
Uttar Pradesh	9687	927	363	25	46	58	2	87	69	5	23	58	6	NIL	3826	1083	548	38
Uttarakhand	343	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	NIL	0	0	0	1
West Bengal	14267	5	2	0	253	16	0	30	0	0	0	0	0	NIL	0	288	18	0
Total	158886	5521	1633	110	1607	575	33	720	371	62	414	113	42	0	44466	8262	2692	247

* - Details to be submitted- case number, year of FIR and year of filing of case and date of order

Above data has been compiled as reported by states

