

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
DEPARTMENT OF FERTILIZERS

LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2263 TO BE ANSWERED ON: 31.07.2026

Black Marketing of Fertilizers

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Will the Minister of **Chemicals and Fertilizers** be pleased to state:

- (a) the complaints received regarding black marketing, hoarding and illegal withdrawal of subsidised fertilizers in the country since 2021 till date State/district and year-wise for the Purvanchal region of Uttar Pradesh including Deoria, Ballia;
- (b) the number of inspections conducted jointly with the department of fertilizers and the quantity of fertilizers seized in cases involving misuse of Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) system or Point- of Sale authentication gaps, State/district-wise;
- (b) the number of licences suspended/ cancelled and prosecution launched under the essential commodities Act or Fertilizer Control Order for such violations, State and district-wise for Uttar Pradesh; and
- (c) the corrective technological and enforcement measures introduced by the Union Government to prevent leakages, subsidised fertilizers distribution and ensure last mile accountability?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS

(SMT. ANUPRIYA PATEL)

(a) to (d) Following steps are taken by the Government every season for ensuring timely and adequate availability of fertilizers in the country, including the State of Uttar Pradesh:

- (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. On the basis of 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.

Further, 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 complaints received at D/o 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. The State-wise information regarding complaints received in D/o Fertilizers through CP-GRAMS portal, which is an online platform to redress grievances related to fertilizers, from 01.04.2021 till date is placed at **Annexure-A**.

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-B**.

Further, State Government of Uttar Pradesh has informed that although a few cases relating to violations of the provisions of the Fertilizer Control Order-1985 have been detected during enforcement activities, no specific case related to black marketing, hoarding or illegal diversion of subsidized fertilizers has come to the notice of the State Agriculture Department in the districts of Deoria and Ballia, during the last few years under reference.

Moreover, in order to reduce black marketing under DBT system for sale in Fertilizers, the sale of subsidized fertilizers is done by 100% Aadhaar based authentication of the beneficiary. 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 40 identified districts of 20 States, the fertilizer is being sold to the identified farmer only as per the requirement 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.

ANNEXURE-A

Annexure referred to in reply to parts (a) to (d) of Lok Sabha Un-starred Question No 2263 for answering on 31.07.2026

DETAILS OF COMPLAINTs SINCE 01.04.2021

Sr. No.	STATES	No. of Complaints
1	Andaman And Nicobar Islands	1
2	Andhra Pradesh	14
3	Assam	2
4	Bihar	86
5	Chhattisgarh	18
6	Delhi	6
7	Gujarat	15
8	Haryana	36
9	Jammu And Kashmir	5
10	Jharkhand	5
11	Karnataka	21
12	Keralam	3
13	Madhya Pradesh	39
14	Maharashtra	17
15	Manipur	1
16	Mizoram	3
17	Odisha	8
18	Punjab	25
19	Rajasthan	41
20	Tamil nadu	14
21	Telangana	6
22	Uttar Pradesh	227
23	Uttarakhand	4
24	West Bengal	14
	Grand Total	611

ANNEXURE B
Annexure referred to in reply to parts (a) to (d) of Lok Sabha Un-starred Question No 2263 for answering on 31.07.2026
Action taken by the State Governments to check black marketing, hoarding, quality check, diversion etc. during the Kharif 2026 season from 01.04.2026 to 24.07.2026

States	No. of Inspections /raids	Black Marketing			Hoarding			Sub Standard Quality			Diversion			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	0	0	0	0
Andhra Pradesh	5270	4	4	0	94	66	4	37	0	0	0	0	0	0	135	70	4
Arunachal Pradesh	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Assam	3204	6	0	0	6	0	0	0	0	0	4	4	0	0	16	4	0
Bihar	15074	652	627	57	1	149	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	653	776	72
Chhattisgarh	5143	209	48	5	34	9	2	63	0	1	0	0	1	30029	306	57	9
Dadar & Nagar	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Delhi	150	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Goa	19	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Gujarat	7563	39	0	1	4	3	0	17	0	8	1	0	5	0	61	3	14
Haryana	494	8	7	0	22	31	6	9	6	0	3	6	2	0	42	50	8
Himachal Pradesh	56	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Jammu & Kashmir	9147	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1562	0	0	1
Jharkhand	633	10	0	0	25	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	35	2	1
Karnataka	15702	2132	2	0	0	0	0	76	0	0	5	0	6	4208	2213	2	6
Kerala	630	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	0	0	2	0	0	2202	8	0	0
Madhya Pradesh	1021	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	9	23	22	0	0	23	22	13
Maharashtra	40574	850	575	17	728	222	1	563	426	39	16	20	7	0	2157	1243	64
Manipur	61	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Meghalaya	330	0	0	0	0	0											

