

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
DEPARTMENT OF FERTILIZERS

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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 244 TO BE ANSWERED ON: 05.02.2019

Direct Benefit Transfer

244. DR. A. SAMPATH:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that the procedure for Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) has been changed from disbursement of subsidy from receipt of fertilizers in the district to sale of fertilizers to farmers through point of sale machines;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether it is also a fact that the entire fertilizer industry is facing immense difficulties in generating DBT bills due to systemic issues and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether huge amount of subsidy bills could not be generated by the fertilizer companies by year end and a meagre amount of subsidy payment was released by the Government; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS

(**RAO INDERJIT SINGH**)

(a) & (b): Yes, Madam. The Department of fertilizers has implemented Direct Benefit Transfer System across all States/UTs w.e.f. March, 2018. Under the DBT system, 100% subsidy on various fertilizer grades is released to the fertilizer companies, on the basis of actual sales made by the retailers to the beneficiaries through Point of Sale (PoS) devices installed at each retailer shop and the beneficiaries are identified through Aadhaar Card, Kisan Credit Card, Voter Identity Card, etc.

(c) to (e): No, Madam. No such complaints have been received from fertilizer companies regarding the fertilizer industry facing immense difficulties in generating DBT bills due to systemic issues. Till date, the Government has released DBT subsidy amounting to Rs. 10,034.31 Cr in r/o P&K Fertilizers and Rs. 26,160.93 Cr in r/o Indigenous Urea, on the basis of bills generated by Fertilizer companies.
