

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
DEPARTMENT OF FERTILIZERS

LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4191 TO BE ANSWERED ON: 20.12.2024

Sale Of Spurious Fertilizers

4191: SMT. DELKAR KALABEN MOHANBHAI:

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

- (a) whether the Government has noticed the sale of spurious fertilizers in Dadra and Nagar Haveli or conducted any inspection in this regard, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the details of those States where inspection has been conducted against the persons involved in selling spurious fertilizers along with the punitive action taken by the Government against them;
- (c) the effective measures taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to check the sale of spurious fertilizers;
- (d) whether the Government has identified such places where an increase in use of spurious fertilizers has been reported;
- (e) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and
- (f) the details of losses suffered by the farmers due to use of such fertilizers?

ANSWER

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

(a): As per the information received from U.T. of Dadra & Nagar Haveli and Daman & Diu, no case of sale of spurious fertilizers has been reported.

(b) to (f): Fertilizer Control Order (FCO)-1985 has laid down fertilizer-wise detailed specifications. Any fertilizer, not meeting the said specifications, cannot be sold in the country for agricultural purpose. Clause 19 of FCO strictly prohibits the sale or manufacture of fertilizers which are not of prescribed standards. Any sale of substandard/spurious fertilizers is punishable under Essential Commodities Act, 1955.

Moreover, quality control of fertilizers comes under the purview of State Governments. In order to regulate the sale of spurious fertilizers in the State, there is a District Quality control mechanism for awareness & vigilance at the field level and awareness is spread among the farmers on the regular basis through press note, TV talks, Kisan Gosthi, Krishimela, Krushi Mahotsav etc.
