

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
DEPARTMENT OF FERTILIZERS

LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO. 498* TO BE ANSWERED ON: 04.04.2025

Sale of Inferior Quality Fertilizers

498*: SHRI BRIJENDRA SINGH OLA:

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

- (a) whether the Government has taken note that companies often sell fake or inferior quality fertilizers to farmers which harms their crops;
- (b) if so, the number of such cases reported during the last five years, State-wise including Rajasthan;
- (c) whether any action has been taken by the Government against such fraudulent companies;
- (d) if so, the details thereof indicating the names of such companies and the action taken against them, State-wise;
- (e) whether the Government has provided compensation or any other financial assistance to the farmers affected by such incidents; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof along with the amount of funds provided to them on this account and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

MINISTER FOR CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS AND HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE

(SHRI JAGAT PRAKASH NADDA)

(a) to (f): A statement is laid on the table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 498* FOR 04.04.2025 REGARDING “SALE OF INFERIOR QUALITY FERTILIZERS” TABLED BY SHRI BRIJENDRA SINGH OLA.

(a) 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.

In case of sale of fake/inferior/substandard fertilizers, State Governments are empowered to invoke administrative action under FCO – 1985 and penal action under Essential Commodities Act, 1955. Further, any complaints received on such matters are forwarded to State Governments for taking necessary action.

The Government releases subsidy to fertilizer manufacturing/importing companies for providing fertilizers at subsidized prices to the farmers. As per existing guidelines, if any discrepancy is reported by States in the quality of fertilizers, recoveries are made from the pending claims of the company.

As per the information received from Agriculture Departments of States & UTs, including the state of Rajasthan, the details regarding number of fake fertilizer cases reported, number of inferior/sub-standard fertilizer cases reported and action taken by the States from 2019-20 till 2024-25 is placed at **Annexure**.

Annexure

		Consolidated report for FY 2024-25		
S. No.	State	No of Cases reported for Fake fertilizers	No of Cases reported for Substandard Fertilizers	Action Taken
1	Andaman and Nicobar	1	1	Samples were sent for analysis as per the clause of FCO-1985
2	Andhra Pradesh	1	364	Action Taken as per FCO 1985 on 274 cases and FIR against FAKE case and 6 MT of Fertilizer seized
3	Arunachal Pradesh	NIL	NIL	NIL
4	Assam	NIL	NIL	NIL
5	Bihar	NIL	34	8 Fir lodged and 7 letter of authorization cancelled
6	Chhattisgarh	NIL	152	Stop sale, FIR, show cause notice & sale baned and issued stop sale notice
7	Dadra and Nagar	NIL	NIL	NIL
8	Daman and Diu	NIL	NIL	NIL
9	Delhi	NIL	NIL	NIL
10	Goa	NIL	NIL	NIL
11	Gujarat	2	2	2 Fir Lodged
12	Haryana	3	226	9 FIR
13	Himachal Pradesh	NIL	NIL	NIL
14	Jammu and Kashmir	NIL	NIL	NIL
15	Jharkhand	NIL	NIL	NIL
16	Karnataka	0	2	NIL
17	Kerala	NIL	180	
18	Madhya Pradesh	5	849	05 FIR Filled against Fake Fertilizers Cases. 48 Licence Suspended 10 Licence Cancelled & 05 FIR Filled against Non-Standard Fertilizers Cases.
19	Maharashtra	9	1436	493 License Cancelled & 391 Suspended

20	Manipur	NIL	NIL	NIL
21	Meghalaya	NIL	NIL	NIL
22	Mizoram	NIL	NIL	NIL
23	Odisha	NIL	NIL	NIL
24	Puducherry	NIL	NIL	NIL
25	Punjab	2	164	LOA Suspended
26	Rajasthan	7	392	7 FIR
27	Tamil Nadu	4	536	4 (Case Filed)
28	Telangana	NIL	NIL	NIL
29	Tripura	NIL	NIL	NIL
30	Uttarakhand	NIL	3	Warning
31	Uttar Pradesh	10	411	10 FIR & 12.58 MT of Fertilizers sized
32	West Bengal	NOT PROVIDED BY STATE		

		Consolidated report for FY 2023-24		
		No of Cases reported for Fake fertilizers	No of Cases reported for Substandard Fertilizers	Action Taken
1	Andaman and Nicobar	NIL	NIL	NIL
2	Andhra Pradesh	0	373	Action Taken as per FCO 1985 on 292 cases
3	Arunachal Pradesh	NIL	NIL	NIL
4	Assam	NIL	NIL	NIL
5	Bihar	NIL	27	6 Fir lodged and 2 letter of authorization cancelled
6	Chhattisgarh	NILL	145	Stop sale, FIR sale on baned & issued stop sale notice
7	Dadra and Nagar	NIL	NIL	NIL
8	Daman and Diu	NIL	NIL	NIL
9	Delhi	NIL	NIL	NIL
10	Goa	NIL	NIL	NIL
11	Gujarat	2	2	2 Fir Lodged
12	Haryana	3	72	7 FIR
13	Himachal Pradesh	NIL	NIL	NIL
14	Jammu and kashmir	NIL	NIL	NIL
15	Jharkhand	NIL	NIL	NIL
16	Karnataka	1	33	1.63 MT Fertilizer siezed & 1 FIR
17	Kerala	NIL	265	
18	Madhya Pradesh	0	1372	03 FIR Filled against Fake Fertilizers Cases. 149 Licence Suspended 18 Licence Cancelled against Non-Standard Fertilizers Cases.
19	Maharashtra	3	2111	76 License Cancelled & 469 Suspended
20	Manipur	NIL	NIL	NIL

21	Meghalaya	NIL	NIL	NIL
22	Mizoram	NIL	NIL	NIL
23	Odisha	NIL	NIL	NIL
24	Puducherry	NIL	NIL	NIL
25	Punjab	3	183	LOA Suspended
26	Rajasthan	NIL	402	NIL
27	Tamil Nadu	0	513	1 (Case Filed)
28	Telangana	NIL	NIL	NIL
29	Tripura	NIL	NIL	NIL
30	Uttarakhand	NIL	NIL	NIL
31	Uttar Pradesh	5	606	5 FIR & 41.95 MT of Fertilizers sized
32	West Bengal	NIL	607	Necessary Actions were taken in accordance with FCO 1985

		Consolidated report for FY 2022-23		
		No of Cases reported for Fake fertilizers	No of Cases reported for Substandard Fertilizers	Action Taken
1	Andaman and Nicobar	NIL	NIL	NIL
2	Andhra Pradesh	0	432	Action Taken as per FCO 1985 on 347 cases
3	Arunachal Pradesh	NIL	NIL	NIL
4	Assam	NIL	NIL	NIL
5	Bihar	NIL	78	2 Letter of Authorization cancelled
6	Chhattisgarh	NIL	93	Stop sale, issued stop sale notice and sale & show cause notice sale baned
7	Dadra and Nagar	NIL	NIL	NIL
8	Daman and Diu	NIL	NIL	NIL
9	Delhi	NIL	NIL	NIL
10	Goa	NIL	NIL	NIL
11	Gujarat	NIL	NIL	NIL
12	Haryana	1	146	20 FIR
13	Himachal Pradesh	NIL	NIL	NIL
14	Jammu and kashmir	NIL	NIL	NIL
15	Jharkhand	NIL	NIL	NIL
16	Karnataka	10	116	71.35 MT Fertilizer siezed & 10 FIR
17	Kerala	NIL	367	2 License suspended
18	Madhya Pradesh	3	1690	03 FIR Filled against Fake Fertilizers Cases. 180 Licence Suspended 20 Licence Cancelled & 02 FIR Filled against Non-Standard Fertilizers Cases.
19	Maharashtra	4	2326	46 License Cancelled & 522 Suspended
20	Manipur	NIL	NIL	NIL
21	Meghalaya	NIL	NIL	NIL

22	Mizoram	NIL	NIL	NIL
23	Odisha	NIL	NIL	NIL
24	Puducherry	NIL	NIL	NIL
25	Punjab	4	78	LOA Suspended
26	Rajasthan	15	362	15 FIR
27	Tamil Nadu	0	629	1 (Case Filed)
28	Telangana	NIL	NIL	NIL
29	Tripura	NIL	NIL	NIL
30	Uttarakhand	NIL	6	Warning, 1 Cancelled
31	Uttar Pradesh	11	699	11 FIR & 52.15 MT of Fertilizers sized
32	West Bengal	NIL	747	Necessary Actions were taken in accordance with FCO 1985

		Consolidated report for FY 2021-22		
		No of Cases reported for Fake fertilizers	No of Cases reported for Substandard Fertilizers	Action Taken
1	Andaman and Nicobar	NIL	NIL	NIL
2	Andhra Pradesh	0	374	Action Taken as per FCO 1985 on 313 cases
3	Arunachal Pradesh	NIL	NIL	NIL
4	Assam	NIL	NIL	NIL
5	Bihar	NIL	115	10 Fir lodged and 10 letter of authorization cancelled
6	Chhattisgarh	NILL	124	Stop sale & issued stop sale notice
7	Dadra and Nagar	NIL	NIL	NIL
8	Daman and Diu	NIL	NIL	NIL
9	Delhi	NIL	NIL	NIL
10	Goa	NIL	NIL	NIL
11	Gujarat	NIL	NIL	NIL
12	Haryana	1	160	9 FIR
13	Himachal Pradesh	NIL	NIL	NIL
14	Jammu and kashmir	NIL	NIL	NIL
15	Jharkhand	NIL	NIL	NIL
16	Karnataka	2	79	1.5 MT Fertilizer siezed & 2 FIR
17	Kerala	NIL	180	1 License suspended
18	Madhya Pradesh	5	1624	03 FIR Filled against Fake Fertilizers Cases. 273 Licence Suspended 21 Licence Cancelled & 04 FIR Filled against Non-Standard Fertilizers Cases.
19	Maharashtra	5	2293	11 License Cancelled & 533 Suspended
20	Manipur	NIL	NIL	NIL
21	Meghalaya	NIL	NIL	NIL
22	Mizoram	NIL	NIL	NIL
23	Odisha	NIL	NIL	NIL

24	Puducherry	NIL	NIL	NIL
25	Punjab	3	76	LOA Suspended
26	Rajasthan	6	577	6 FIR
27	Tamil Nadu	2	462	NIL
28	Telangana	NIL	NIL	NIL
29	Tripura	NIL	NIL	NIL
30	Uttarakhand	NIL	5	Warning
31	Uttar Pradesh	5	844	5 FIR & 593.12 MT of Fertilizers sized
32	West Bengal	NIL	716	Necessary Actions were taken in accordance with FCO 1985

		Consolidated report for FY 2020-21		
		No of Cases reported for Fake fertilizers	No of Cases reported for Substandard Fertilizers	Action Taken
1	Andaman and Nicobar	NIL	NIL	NIL
2	Andhra Pradesh	0	473	Action Taken as per FCO 1985 on 425 cases
3	Arunachal Pradesh	NIL	NIL	NIL
4	Assam	NIL	NIL	NIL
5	Bihar	NIL	35	3 Letter of Authorization cancelled
6	Chhattisgarh	NIL	72	Stop sale, issued stop sale notice and sale & show cause notice sale baned
7	Dadra and Nagar	NIL	NIL	NIL
8	Daman and Diu	NIL	NIL	NIL
9	Delhi	NIL	NIL	NIL
10	Goa	NIL	NIL	NIL
11	Gujarat	NIL	NIL	NIL
12	Haryana	1	97	7 FIR
13	Himachal Pradesh	NIL	NIL	NIL
14	Jammu and kashmir	NIL	NIL	NIL
15	Jharkhand	NIL	NIL	NIL
16	Karnataka	1	60	3.25 MT Fertilizer siezed & 1 FIR
17	Kerala	NIL	34	2 License suspended,, Warning 2 & Show Cause Notice-28
18	Madhya Pradesh	3	1677	03 FIR Filled against Fake Fertilizers Cases. 380 Licence Suspended 88 Licence Cancelled & 08 FIR Filled against Non-Standard Fertilizers Cases.
19	Maharashtra	3	2369	183 License Cancelled & 1063 Suspended
20	Manipur	NIL	NIL	NIL
21	Meghalaya	NIL	NIL	NIL
22	Mizoram	NIL	NIL	NIL
23	Odisha	NIL	NIL	NIL
24	Puducherry	NIL	NIL	NIL

25	Punjab	2	68	LOA Suspended
26	Rajasthan	NIL	645	NIL
27	Tamil Nadu	2	697	2 (Case Filed)
28	Telangana	NIL	NIL	NIL
29	Tripura	NIL	NIL	NIL
30	Uttarakhand	NIL	1	Warning
31	Uttar Pradesh	3	728	3 FIR & 30.1 MT of Fertilizers sized
32	West Bengal	NIL	499	Necessary Actions were taken in accordance with FCO 1985

		Consolidated report for FY 2019-20		
		No of Cases reported for Fake fertilizers	No of Cases reported for Substandard Fertilizers	Action Taken
1	Andaman and Nicobar	NIL	NIL	NIL
2	Andhra Pradesh	NA	NA	NA
3	Arunachal Pradesh	NIL	NIL	NIL
4	Assam	NIL	NIL	NIL
5	Bihar	NIL	75	3 Letter of Authorization cancelled
6	Chhattisgarh	NIL	139	Stop sale, issued stop sale notice and sale & storage restrictions
7	Dadra and Nagar	NIL	NIL	NIL
8	Daman and Diu	NIL	NIL	NIL
9	Delhi	NIL	NIL	NIL
10	Goa	NIL	NIL	NIL
11	Gujarat	NIL	NIL	NIL
12	Haryana	NIL	86	NIL
13	Himachal Pradesh	NIL	NIL	NIL
14	Jammu and Kashmir	NIL	NIL	NIL
15	Jharkhand	NIL	NIL	NIL
16	Karnataka	NIL	64	NIL
17	Kerala	NIL	84	2 License suspended & 1 License cancelled, 40 warnings, Hearing Conducted-14 & Show Cause Notice- 27
18	Madhya Pradesh	2	986	02 FIR Filled against Fake Fertilizers Cases. 156 Licence Suspended 80 Licence Cancelled & 19 FIR Filled against Non-Standard Fertilizers Cases.
19	Maharashtra	2	1944	16 License Cancelled & 56 Suspended
20	Manipur	NIL	NIL	NIL
21	Meghalaya	NIL	NIL	NIL
22	Mizoram	NIL	NIL	NIL
23	Odisha	NIL	NIL	NIL
24	Puducherry	NIL	NIL	NIL

25	Punjab	2	82	LOA Suspended
26	Rajasthan	NIL	138	NIL
27	Tamil Nadu	0	799	1 (Case Filed)
28	Telangana	NIL	NIL	NIL
29	Tripura	NIL	NIL	NIL
30	Uttarakhand	NIL	2	Warning
31	Uttar Pradesh	NIL	727	NIL
