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I. Review of 2023-24

1.0 Fertilizer Scenario – 2023-24 (April/March)

The inventory of fertilizers at the beginning of the year was adequate in different distribution channels to meet the demand. Weather was normal during monsoon period. However, dry spell during August affected sowing of *kharif* crops. Sown area under *kharif* and *rabi* crops was marginally up. Volatile international prices of raw materials and finished fertilizers resulted fall in imports of some fertilizers. Domestic production and sale of fertilizer products increased over the previous year. The details of production, import and sale are narrated below.

1.1 Production

During 2023-24, production of urea at 31.41 million metric tonnes (million MT) and NP/NPK complex fertilizers at 9.55 million MT increased by 10.2% and 2.8%, respectively, over 2022-23. However, production of DAP at 4.29 million MT and SSP at 4.46 million MT registered decline of 1.2% and 21.0%, respectively, during the same period.

1.2 Import

Import of urea, DAP and NP/NPKs declined during 2023-24 over 2022-23. However, import of MOP registered an increase during the period. Import of urea at 7.04 million MT, DAP at 5.57 million MT and NP/NPKs at 2.22 million MT registered decline of 7.1%, 15.4% and 19.4%, respectively, during 2023-24 over 2022-23. However, import of MOP at 2.87 million MT increased by 53.8%, during the period.

1.3 Sale

Except SSP, DBT sale (sale by retailers to farmers through point of sale machines) of major fertilizer products showed an increase during 2023-24 over 2022-23. Total sale of fertilizers was about 64.70 million MT during 2023-24 compared to 63.84 million MT during 2022-23. Sale of urea at 35.78 million MT, DAP at 10.81 million MT, MOP at 1.64 million MT and NP/NPKs at 11.07 million MT recorded increase of 0.2%, 3.8%, 0.8% and 9.9%, respectively, during 2023-24 over 2022-23. However, sale of SSP at 4.54 million MT declined by 9.4% during the period. **Table 1** shows production, import and sale of major fertilizers during 2022-23 and 2023-24.

Table 1: Production, Import and Sale of Major Fertilizers 2022-23 and 2023-24 (April/March)					
	Urea	DAP	NP/NPKs	SSP	MOP
I. Production (Million MT)					
2022-23	28.50	4.35	9.29	5.65	-
2023-24 (P)	31.41	4.29	9.55	4.46	-
± % in 2023-24 over 2022-23	10.2	-1.2	2.8	-21.0	-
II. Import (Million MT)					
2022-23	7.58	6.58	2.75	-	1.87
2023-24 (P)	7.04	5.57	2.22	-	2.87
± % in 2023-24 over 2022-23	-7.1	-15.4	-19.4	-	53.8

III. Sale# (Million MT)					
2022-23	35.73	10.42	10.07	5.02	1.63*
2023-24 (P)	35.78	10.81	11.07	4.54	1.64*
± % in 2023-24 over 2022-23	0.2	3.8	9.9	-9.4	0.8
* MOP for direct application # = DBT sale (P) = Provisional					

In terms of nutrients, estimated sale of N, P₂O₅ and K₂O was at 20.46, 8.31 and 1.88 million MT, respectively, during 2023-24, representing growth of 1.2%, 4.9% and 9.5%, respectively, over 2022-23. Overall nutrient sale at 30.64 million MT was up by 2.7% during the period.

2.0 Natural Gas Availability

Production of natural gas from existing fields is nearly half of total requirement. Increased demand for gas is fulfilled through higher import of LNG. **Table 2** shows trends in production, import and consumption of natural gas during 2019-20 to 2023-24.

Table 2: Trends in Natural Gas availability in India					
(in Billion cubic meter)					
Item	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
Production (Net availability) ¹	30.26	27.78	33.13	33.66	35.72
LNG import (Long term, spot)	32.35	33.20	31.03	26.30	30.92
Consumption (Net production + LNG import)	62.61	60.98	64.16	59.97	66.63
¹ = Net production is derived by deducting gas flared and loss from gross production by producing companies.					
Source: Petroleum Planning & Analysis Cell, Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas, GoI					

Supply of domestic gas to fertilizer plants has been declining over the years. This has made fertilizer plants more and more dependent on imported LNG. As per the information available with FAI, share of domestic gas supply to fertilizer plants declined significantly from 76% in 2012-13 to 14.3% in 2022-23. However, during 2023-24, it is estimated to increase to about 20% on account of higher availability of domestic gas from High Pressure High Temperature area.

3.0 Crop Situation

3.1 Crop Area Sown – Rabi 2023-24

As per the latest available data, total sown area under all *rabi* 2023-24 crops was 70.93 million hectares (million ha) compared to 70.91 million ha during the corresponding period of the previous year. Area coverage during *rabi* 2023-24 was marginally up by 0.03% over *rabi* 2022-23. Among the principal crops, area covered under food grains declined by 0.2% during the period. However, area sown under oilseeds increased by 1.1% during *rabi* 2023-24 over *rabi* 2022-23. Among the food grain crops, area sown under wheat and coarse increased by 0.7% and 7.1%, respectively,

whereas, area sown under rice and pulses declined by 2.7% and 3.7%, respectively, during the period. The coverage of area under *rabi* crops in 2023-24 compared to 2022-23 is shown in **Table 3**.

Table 3: All India <i>Rabi</i> Crop Situation – 2023-24 and 2022-23					
Crop	Normal <i>rabi</i> area (million ha)	Area sown during <i>rabi</i> (million ha)		± area shown in <i>rabi</i> 2023-24 over 2022-23	
		2022-23	2023-24	Area (million ha)	± % variation
Wheat	30.732	33.920	34.157	0.237	0.7
Rice	5.250	4.037	3.929	-0.108	-2.7
Coarse cereals	5.132	5.357	5.738	0.381	7.1
Total pulses	15.274	16.619	16.008	-0.611	-3.7
Total food grains	56.388	59.933	59.832	-0.101	-0.2
Total oilseeds	8.445	10.976	11.096	0.120	1.1
Total crops	64.833	70.909	70.929	0.020	0.03
Note: Totals may not exactly tally due to rounding of figures					

3.2 Production of Food Grains and Commercial Crops – 2023-24

Government of India has released second advance estimates for production of food grains and other principal crops for 2023-24. Total food grain production is estimated to be 309.35 million MT about 20.34 million MT (6.2%) lower than the previous year's level. Among the food crops, only production of wheat is estimated to be increased by 1.3% during 2023-24 over 2022-23. Production of other major food crops, viz., rice, coarse cereals and pulses are estimated to decline by 8.8%, 12.6% and 10.0%, respectively, during 2023-24 over 2022-23. Similarly, production of oilseeds, sugarcane and cotton are also estimated to decline by 11.5%, 9% and 4%, respectively, during the period. However, production of jute & mesta is estimated to increase by 2.6% during the period. **Table 4** shows details of the production of principal crops in 2023-24 compared to 2022-23.

Table 4. Estimated Production of Principal Crops in 2022-23 and 2023-24 (Million MT)				
Crops	2022-23	2023-24 (2 nd Advance est.)	± in 2023-24 over 2022-23	
			Quantity	%
Rice	135.76	123.82	-11.94	-8.8
Wheat	110.55	112.02	1.47	1.3
Coarse cereals	57.32	50.07	-7.25	-12.6
Pulses	26.06	23.44	-2.62	-10.0
Total food grains	329.69	309.35	-20.34	-6.2
Total oilseeds	41.36	36.60	-4.76	-11.5
Sugarcane	490.53	446.43	-44.10	-9.0
Cotton #	33.66	32.31	-1.35	-4.0
Jute & mesta \$	9.39	9.63	0.24	2.6
# = Million bales of 170 kg each \$ = Million bales of 180 kg each				

4.0 Procurement, Stock and Exports of Food grains

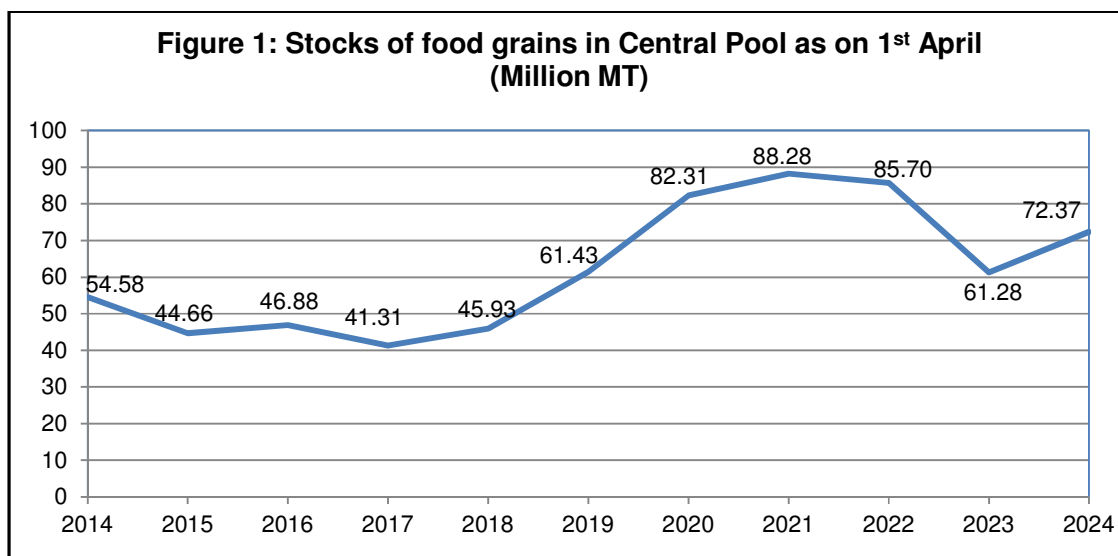
4.1 Procurement

All India procurement of rice for *kharif* marketing season (KMS) 2023-24 is under progress. It was 48.48 million MT up to 30th April, 2024. The procurement of rice was highest in Punjab at about 12.39 million MT, followed by Chhattisgarh 9.71 million MT, Haryana 3.95 million MT, Odisha 3.89 million MT, Uttar Pradesh 3.60 million MT, Telangana 3.58 million MT, Madhya Pradesh 2.82 million MT, Bihar 2.08 million MT, Tamil Nadu 1.70 million MT, Andhra Pradesh 1.67 million MT and West Bengal 1.26 million MT. The procurement was less than 1 million MT in the remaining rice growing states.

All India procurement of wheat for *rabi* marketing season 2024-25 is under progress. It was 18.40 million MT up to 29th April, 2024. Out of which, procurement in Punjab was 8.31 million MT followed by Haryana 5.63 million MT, and in Madhya Pradesh 3.51 million MT. The procurement was less than 1 million MT in the remaining wheat growing states.

4.2 Food Grain Stock

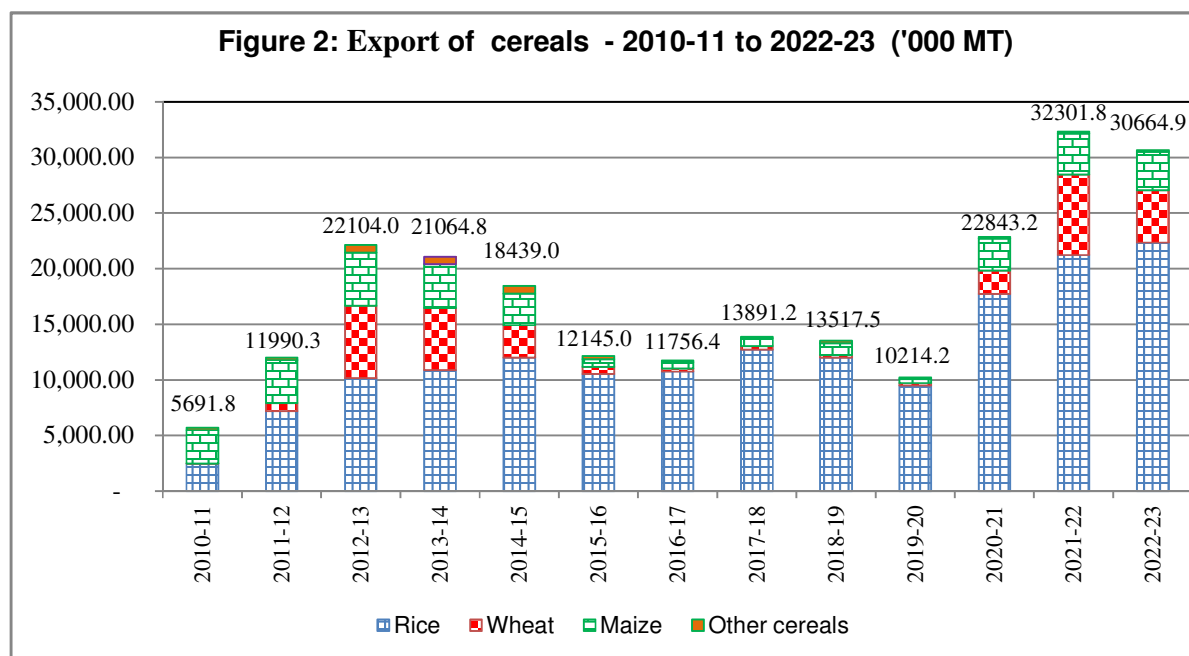
Total stock of food grains in Central Pool improved considerably from 46 million MT during 2018 to 88 million MT in 2021. Thereafter, it reduced to 86 million MT in 2022 and at a low of 61 million MT in 2023. In 2024, it showed some improvement and touched a figure of 72.37 million MT which is 18% higher than 1st April of 2023. **Figure 1** shows the changes in stock of food grains in Central Pool as on 1st April for past one decade.



4.3 Exports

Figure 2 shows export of cereals during 2010-11 to 2022-23. During the past thirteen-year period, export of cereals was earlier high in 2012-13 at 22 million MT. Thereafter, it came down consistently with some improvement noticed in 2017-18, followed by marginal decline in 2018-19 and 2019-20. During 2020-21 and 2021-22, it touched at a record of 22.84 million MT and

32.30 million MT, respectively. During 2022-23 export of cereals was at 30.66 million MT, which was 5.1% lower over the previous year. Out of 30.66 million MT of cereals exported in 2022-23, rice accounted for 22.35 million MT, wheat 4.69 million MT, maize 3.45 million MT and other cereals 0.17 million MT.



However, during the year 2023-24, export of cereals up to January 2024 was significantly low at 14.87 million MT. Out of which, export of rice accounted for 13.23 million MT, wheat 0.15 million MT, maize 1.37 million MT and other cereals 0.12 million MT.

5.0 Index of Eight Core Industries for 2023-24

The Office of Economic Adviser, Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade released Index of Eight Core Industries (Base: 2011-12=100) for the month of March 2024 and April-March 2023-24 on 30th April, 2024.

All the eight core industries, showed positive growth during 2023-24 over 2022-23. Cumulative index of coal, crude oil, natural gas, refinery products, fertilizers, steel, cement and electricity increased by 11.7%, 0.6%, 6.1%, 3.4%, 3.7%, 12.3%, 9.1% and 7%, respectively, during 2023-24 over the corresponding period of previous year. Overall increase was 7.5% during 2023-24 over 2022-23. The performance of eight core industries for the past 8-years is given in **Table 5**.

Table 5: Performance of Eight Core Industries (2016-17 to 2023-24) (Base year 2011-12 = 100)									
Sector	Weight	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
Coal	10.33	3.2	2.6	7.4	-0.4	-1.9	8.5	14.8	11.7
Crude Oil	8.98	-2.5	-0.9	-4.1	-5.9	-5.2	-2.6	-1.7	0.6
Natural Gas	6.88	-1.0	2.9	0.8	-5.6	-8.2	19.2	1.6	6.1
Refinery Products	28.04	4.9	4.6	3.1	0.2	-11.2	8.9	4.8	3.4
Fertilizers	2.63	0.2	0.03	0.3	2.7	1.7	0.7	11.3	3.7
Steel	17.92	10.7	5.6	5.1	3.4	-8.7	16.9	9.3	12.3
Cement	5.37	-1.2	6.3	13.3	-0.9	-10.8	20.8	8.7	9.1
Electricity	19.85	5.8	5.3	5.2	0.9	-0.5	8.0	8.9	7.0
Overall Growth	100	4.8	4.3	4.4	0.4	-6.4	10.4	7.8	7.5
<i>Source: Office of the Economic Adviser, Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade, Ministry of Commerce & Industry, Government of India</i>									

6.0 Second Advance Estimates of National Income for 2023-24

The National Statistical Office (NSO), Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation released a press note on Second Advance Estimates of National Income for 2023-24 on 29th February, 2024.

6.1 Gross Domestic Product (GDP)

GDP at Constant Prices (2011-12) as per the 2nd advance estimates for 2023-24 is estimated at Rs.172.90 lakh crore as against the 1st revised estimate of Rs.160.71 lakh crore for the year 2022-23. The growth in GDP during 2023-24 is estimated at 7.6% compared to 7% in 2022-23.

6.2 Gross Value Added (GVA) at Basic Prices

GVA at basic prices is estimated at Rs. 158.28 lakh crore in 2023-24 as against Rs. 148.05 lakh crore in 2022-23, showing a growth of 6.9%. All sectors showed positive growth during the year

**Table 6: Sector-wise Economic Activities
2021-22 to 2023-24 (at 2011-12 Prices)**

Sector	GVA at basic price (Rs. crore)			% change over previous year	
	2021-22 (2 nd RE)	2022-23 (1 st RE)	2023-24 (2 nd AE)	2022-23	2023-24
1. Agriculture, Livestock, Forestry & Fishing	21,70,106	22,72,250	22,87,329	4.7	0.7
2. Mining & Quarrying	3,09,276	3,15,256	3,40,821	1.9	8.1
3. Manufacturing	25,61,033	25,04,663	27,17,235	-2.2	8.5
4. Electricity, Gas, Water Supply & other Utility Services	3,17,966	3,47,973	3,74,125	9.4	7.5
5. Construction	11,93,532	13,06,256	14,45,603	9.4	10.7
6. Trade, Hotels, Transport, Communication and Services related to Broadcasting	24,80,380	27,77,723	29,57,058	12.0	6.5
7. Financial, Real Estate & Professional Services	31,22,847	34,05,474	36,84,959	9.1	8.2
8. Public Administration, Defence and other Services*	17,21,699	18,75,304	20,20,579	8.9	7.7
GVA at Basic Prices	1,38,76,840	1,48,04,901	1,58,27,708	6.7	6.9
<i>Net Taxes on Products</i>	<i>11,45,006</i>	<i>12,66,528</i>	<i>14,62,573</i>	<i>10.6</i>	<i>15.5</i>
GDP	1,50,21,846	1,60,71,429	1,72,90,281	7.0	7.6
RE = Revised estimates. AE = Advance estimates. * = Public Administration, Defence & Other Services sector <i>i.e.</i> Education, Health, Recreation, and other personal services. Source: Press Note on <i>Second Advance Estimates of National Income 2023-24</i> , National Statistical Office, Ministry of Statistics & Programme Implementation, Government of India.					

II. Prospects for 2024-25

1.0 Rainfall

1.1 Pre-monsoon 2024

During the first two months of pre-monsoon 2024, *i.e.* March-April 2024, the rainfall was 13% below LPA. Actual rains were 59.9 mm as against normal rains of 69.2 mm. Out of 36 meteorological sub-divisions, 19 received normal to excess rains during the period.

1.2 Prospects of Southwest monsoon 2024

India Meteorological Department (IMD) released its 1st stage long range forecasts for the 2024 Southwest monsoon season rainfall on 15th April, 2024. According to IMD, rainfall during Southwest monsoon 2024 is most likely to be above normal 106% of Long Period Average with a model error of $\pm 5\%$. It is expected that the forecast of above normal monsoon will be good for the farm economy. IMD will issue the updated forecasts in the last week of May 2024 as a part of the second stage forecast.

1.3 Water Reservoirs

Total live storage capacity of 150 reservoirs in the country is 178.78 BCM. Live storage available in these reservoirs was 53.36 BCM as on 25th April, 2024 as against 64.78 BCM on the same date of the previous year. Live storage during the period was 82% of the last year and 96% of the normal storage. States having lesser storage than last year include Himachal Pradesh, Punjab, West Bengal, Madhya Pradesh, Tripura, Rajasthan, Bihar, Maharashtra, Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Gujarat, Chhattisgarh, Telangana, Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, and Tamil Nadu.

2.0 Crop Situation

With the prediction of normal monsoon and reasonably good water availability in the reservoirs for *kharif* sowing, prospects of *kharif* crops seem to be bright this year. As per report as on 26th April, 2024, sown area under summer crops was 68.17 lakh ha compared to 64.38 lakh ha during the corresponding period of last year. Sown area under rice, pulses, coarse cereals and oilseeds are expected to increase during the season.

3.0 Policy Development

3.1 Nutrient based subsidy (NBS) rates for P&K fertilizers for kharif 2024 under NBS scheme

DoF notified NBS rates for P&K fertilizers for *kharif* 2024 on 1st March, 2024. DoF revised the per kg subsidy on phosphate (P) from Rs. 20.82 for *rabi* 2023-24 to Rs. 28.72 for *kharif* 2024. However, NBS rates per kg for N, K and S kept unchanged at the *rabi* 2023-24 level. Three new grades of fertilizers viz., 11-30-14 fortified with magnesium, zinc, boron and sulphur; Urea-SSP-complex (5-15-10-0) and SSP (0-16-0-11) fortified with magnesium, zinc and boron have been included in NBS policy w.e.f. *kharif* 2024. However, additional subsidy of Rs. 4500 per MT on DAP, notified for *rabi* 2023-24, has been withdrawn. Accordingly, the per tonne subsidy on DAP has been reduced from Rs. 22,541 for *rabi* 2023-24 to Rs. 21,676 for *kharif* 2024. NBS rates for SSP and MOP has been reduced and fixed at Rs. 4804 per MT and Rs. 1427 per MT, respectively. NBS rates for NP/NPK grades of fertilizers ranged between Rs. 6,849 per MT and Rs. 21,208 per MT during the period. NBS rates for Potash Derived from Molasses remained unchanged at Rs. 345 per MT. The per tonne additional subsidy for fortified fertilizers with boron and zinc also continued at Rs. 300 and Rs. 500, respectively. A copy of the notification is enclosed as **Annexure I**.

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Annexure I

No. 23011/2/2024-P&K
Government of India
Department of Fertilizers

Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi.
Dated 01st March, 2024

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Nutrient Based Subsidy (NBS) rates for Phosphatic and Potassic (P&K) fertilizers for Kharif 2024 (from 1st April 2024 upto 30th September 2024) under NBS Scheme.

The undersigned is directed to convey that per kg subsidy on nutrients, namely Nitrogen (N), Phosphate (P), Potash (K) and Sulphur (S) contained in P&K fertilizers covered under the NBS Policy for Kharif 2024, applicable w.e.f. 01.04.2024 to 30.09.2024, shall be as under:

S. No	Nutrients	NBS (Rs. per Kg of Nutrient)
1	N	47.02
2	P	28.72
3	K	2.38
4	S	1.89

2. Three new grades of fertilizers viz. (a) NPK (11-30-14) fortified with Magnesium, Zinc, Boron and Sulphur, (b) Urea-SSP Complex (5-15-0-10) and (c) SSP (0-16-0-11) fortified with Magnesium, Zinc and Boron are included in the Nutrient Based Subsidy (NBS) scheme w.e.f. 01.04.2024.

3. Product-wise subsidy on various grades of P&K fertilizers as per FCO, covered under the NBS Scheme for 2024-25 as applicable from 01.04.2024 to 30.09.2024, shall be as under:-

S. No	Name of fertilizers	NBS Rates for KHARIF 2024 season from 01.04.2024 to 30.09.2024 (per MT) (in ₹)
1	DAP 18-46-0-0	21676
2	MOP 0-0-60-0	1427
3	SSP 0-16-0-11	4804
4	NPS 20-20-0-13	15395
5	NPK 10-26-26-0	12788
6	NP 20-20-0-0	15148

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7	NPK 15-15-15	11718
8	NP 24-24-0-0	18178
9	AS 20.5-0-0-23	10075
10	NP 28-28-0-0	21208
11	NPK 17-17-17	13281
12	NPK 19-19-19	14843
13	NPK 16-16-16-0	12499
14	NPS 16-20-0-13	13514
15	NPK 14-35-14	16969
16	MAP 11-52-0-0	20108
17	TSP 0-46-0-0	13212
18	NPK 12-32-16	15214
19	NPK 14-28-14	14958
20	NPKS 15-15-15-09	11889
21	NP 14-28-0-0	14625
22	PDM 0-0-14.5-0	345
23	Urea-SSP Complex (5-15-0-10)	6849
24	NPS 24-24-0-8*	18178
25	NPK 8-21-21*	10293
26	NPK 9-24-24*	11696
27	NPK 11-30-14*	14122
28	SSP 0-16-0-11*	4804

* Fortified fertilizer grades as defined in Fertilizer Control Order, 1985.

4. Any variant of the subsidized P&K fertilizers covered under NBS Scheme and are fortified/ coated with Boron, Zinc, Magnesium and Sulphur as provided for under FCO, will continue to be eligible for subsidy. Such fortified/ coated grades of fertilizers will attract an additional per MT subsidy to encourage their application along with primary nutrients as per the rates mentioned below:

S.No	Nutrients for fortification as per FCO	Additional subsidy for fortified/ coated fertilizers over and above the rates indicated in para 3 above (Rs/MT)
1	Boron (B)	300
2	Zinc (Zn)	500

5. In order to examine the reasonableness of MRPs of P&K fertilizers, the fertilizer companies will continue to submit the audited cost data as per the extant guidelines of reasonableness of MRP of P&K fertilizers. The fertilizer companies will also report MRP

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of P&K fertilizers regularly to DOF. The profit earned above the reasonable profit will be treated as unreasonable and will be recovered as per the extant guidelines.

6. The P&K fertilizer companies will ensure that the MRP of various grades of P&K fertilizers be maintained in accordance with the subsidy rates as notified and sell through their retailers accordingly.
7. The fertilizer companies are required to print Maximum Retail Price (MRP) along with applicable subsidy per bag and per kg on the fertilizer bags clearly. Any sale above the printed MRP will be punishable under the Essential Commodities Act, 1955.
8. The distribution and movement of fertilizers along with import of finished fertilizers, fertilizer inputs and production by indigenous units will continue to be monitored through the online web based "Integrated Fertilizer Monitoring System (iFMS)".
9. Manufacturers/Marketers/Importers of P&K fertilizers, including manufacturers of SSP, are required to ensure that fertilizers are transported up to the retail point on Freight on Road (F.O.R.) delivery basis.
10. There would be no separate subsidy on sale of customized fertilizers and mixture fertilizers.
11. The payment of subsidy to the manufacturers/importers of P&K fertilizers shall be released as per the procedure and terms & conditions mentioned in the Department Notification No. D(FA)/ CCEA/2011 dated 25.10.2012 and D(FA)/2016/DBT dated 17.03.2017, as amended from time to time.
12. This issues with the approval of the Competent Authority.
13. Hindi version will follow.


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