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Framework for Fertilizer Sale (FFS)

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Context

A new digital platform for **transparent and farmer-centric fertiliser distribution** has been implemented on a **pilot basis in 56 districts across 23 states**, Minister of State for Chemicals and Fertilisers **Anupriya Patel** informed the **Rajya Sabha on 4 August 2026** in a written reply. The pilot has expanded rapidly — it covered **40 districts across 20 states** as of late July 2026.

What It Is

The **"Framework for Fertilizer Sale" (FFS)** is jointly developed by the **Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilisers (Department of Fertilizers)** and the **Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare**, with the **consent of state governments**, and rolled out in a **staggered pilot manner**.

Objective to make fertiliser distribution more **transparent, organised, farmer-centric, land- and crop-data integrated, and demand-driven**.

How It Works

1. **Registration** — the farmer or an authorised representative registers through a **mobile application**, entering **land and crop details**.
2. **Pre-booking** — advance booking of fertiliser requirements against those details.
3. **Token generation** — a **QR code-based token** is generated on successful booking.
4. **Retail verification** — the retailer scans the QR code through a **Point of Sale (PoS) machine**.
5. **Distribution** — fertiliser is released after **Aadhaar-based biometric authentication**, per existing procedure.

Supporting Digital Infrastructure

- **Integrated Fertilizer Management System (iFMS)** — an online platform for **real-time monitoring and management of fertiliser movement** across the country, tracking **dispatches, allocation, rake placement, stock position and state-wise supply status** by states and stakeholders. FFS purchase reports feed into iFMS dashboards.
- **AgriStack / Farmer Registry** — a registry of about **102.8 million (10.28 crore) farmer IDs** is being integrated with **PM-KISAN**, the **Jan Samarth platform** for Kisan Credit Card loans, and **MSP-based crop procurement systems**.

Exam Relevance

NABARD Grade A — Very high relevance for **Phase II Paper II**. Know the DBT mechanics, the 2025-26 figures (746.57 LMT, 8.4 crore farmers, 2.87 lakh retailers, ₹2.17 lakh crore subsidy), the 50-bag limit and state variations, and **AgriStack's three registries** (farmer registry, geo-referenced village maps, crop-sown registry).

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