

**GS-III. Issues related to direct and indirect farm subsidies**

- 1. Critically Analyze the various Issues Associated with the Fertilizer Policy and also Provide Suitable Measures to Rectify Them.**

**Why this Question?**

- Issues in the Agricultural Fertilizer Policy.

**Key Demands of Question:**

- Give brief intro about the current fertiliser policy.
- Mention the negative implications of the current agricultural fertiliser policy on the agriculture and industry and government sector.
- Discuss the way forward measures to reduce the imbalance usage of fertiliser.

**Directive Word:**

**Critically Analyze:**

- When asked to Analyze, you have to examine methodically the structure or nature of the topic by separating it into component parts and present them as a whole in a summary. When 'critically' is suffixed or prefixed to a directive, one needs to look at the good and bad of the topic and give a fair judgement.
- Whenever it is asking Critically Examine, Critically Comment or Critically Analyse just remember that you have to write both pros and cons and give a fair, unbiased or value loaded judgement. It should always give a closure feeling while Examiner reading the Answer.

**Structure of Answer:**

**Introduction:**

- Give brief intro about the current agricultural fertiliser policy and importance of the fertiliser for the increased agricultural production.

**Body:**

- Discuss elaborately how the current policy affects the agricultural sector. For example, imbalance use of urea, soil chemistry affected, decrease productivity, etc.
- Mention the Various Negative Implications on the industry and government due the fertiliser subsidy policies. For example, uncompetitive manufacturing costs, etc.
- Discuss its implications on the overall environment.
- List out the government initiatives regarding fertiliser usage. For example, nutrient based subsidy programme, Neem coated urea, Soil Health Cards, etc.

**Conclusion:**

- Conclude with the way forward measures to tackle this situation like implementing DBT instead of Fertiliser Subsidy, etc.

