

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA**  
**MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS**  
**RAJYA SABHA**  
**QUESTION NO 04.12.2009**  
**ANSWERED ON**  
**INCREASED DEMAND OF FERTILIZERS IN PUNJAB .**

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

- (a) whether there is an increased demand of fertilizers in Punjab this year as compared to the previous year in the wake of a need to push up production of Rabi crops for 2009-10 due to the shortage in production of Kharif crops in 2009 and drought conditions;
- (b) if so, what is the situation this year, as compared to the demand for previous two years, along with the nature of fertilizers sought; and
- (c) the manner in which Government proposes to meet the increased demand and to what extent?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS

(SHRI SRIKANT KUMAR JENA)

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

Statement referred to in reply to parts (a) to (c) of the Rajya Sabha Starred Question No. 226 to be answered on 4.12.2009.

(a) & (b): The demand of major fertilizers namely Urea, Di-ammonium Phosphate

(DAP), Muriate of Potash (MOP) and Complex (NPK) fertilizers in Punjab during the current year 2009-10 as compared to that for 2007-08 and 2008-09 are as under:

(`Qty. in `lakh metric tonnes`)

Particulars	Product	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10					
Demand/ Assessed	Kharif	Rabi	Total	Kharif	Rabi	Total	requirement		
Urea	12.50	12.50	25.00	13.00	12.50	25.50	13.00	25.50	
DAP	2.50	5.50	8.00	2.60	5.50	8.10	3.00	5.50	
MOP	0.60	0.35	0.95	0.60	0.35	0.95	0.56	0.35	0.91
Complexes	0.31	0.66	0.97	0.31	0.70	1.01	0.30	0.25	0.55

As can be seen, the demand of Urea and DAP has increased from 25.00 LMT to 25.50 LMT and 8.00 LMT to 8.50 LMT respectively from the year 2007-08 to the year 2009-10.

(c): The government is meeting the increased demand through increase in indigenous production and import during the year. The demand and availability of Urea, DAP, MOP and Complex fertilizer during the year 2007-08, 2008-09 and 2009-10

(April `09 to November `09) are as follows:

(`Qty. in `lakh metric tonnes`)

Product	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10			
Demand	Availability	Demand	Availability	Demand	Availability	
Urea	25.00	26.97	25.50	26.28	15.30	15.48

DAP8.009.148.108.827.507.76

MOP0.950.580.950.980.810.80

Complex0.97NA1.010.590.550.50

DOF started monitoring demand & availability of complex fertilizer w.e.f. 1.4.2008 Urea is the only fertilizer which is under partial movement and distribution control of the Government. All other fertilizers viz. DAP, MOP, and NPK etc. are decontrolled/ de-canalized since 1992. The availability of Phosphatic and Potassic fertilizers is decided by the market forces of demand and supply. Union Government monitors availability of fertilizers at State level and State Governments are responsible for further distribution within the State. However, as can be seen, the availability of fertilizers in Punjab during current year is comfortable.

The following steps have been taken to ensure supplies of fertilizers as per demand:

- i)The gap between requirement and indigenous availability of Urea is met through imports;
- ii)Department of Fertilizers operates Buffer Stock of Urea, DAP & MOP through State Institutional Agencies/ fertilizer companies in major fertilizer consuming States to the tune of 6.25 LMT, 3.50 LMT and 1.00 LMT respectively;
- iii)The movement of fertilizers is being monitored throughout the country by an on-line web based monitoring system ([www.urvarak.co.in](http://www.urvarak.co.in)) also called as Fertiliser Monitoring System (FMS).