

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
RAJYA SABHA
QUESTION NO 27.11.2009
ANSWERED ON
SHORTAGE OF UREA AND DAP .

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Will the Minister of COAL AND CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state :-
SHRI SHRIKANT KUMAR JENA

- (a) whether Government is aware that farmers are facing shortage of urea and DAP fertilizers in the country, particularly in UP and thereby suffering heavy losses;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise and district-wise in case of UP;
- (c) the reasons which compel the farmers every year to face shortage of fertilizers during sowing season; and
- (d) the steps taken to redress the hardship of poor farmers?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS

(SHRI SRIKANT KUMAR JENA)

(a) to (c): Urea is the only fertilizer which is under partial movement and distribution control of the Government. All other fertilizers viz. DAP, MOP, SSP 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 fertilisers at State level. State Governments are responsible for distribution of fertilizers within the State.

The demand, supply (availability) and sales of Urea and Di-ammonium Phosphate (DAP) in Uttar Pradesh and All India during the current year 2009-10 (April`09 to October`09) are as under:

(`Qty. in `LMT`)

State	Particulars	Urea	DAP	Uttar Pradesh
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	Demand/Assessed requirement	28.00	9.25	
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	Supply (Availability)	27.75	9.56	
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	Sales	25.39	9.46	
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All India

	Demand/Assessed requirement	159.69	70.46	
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	Supply (Availability)	149.80	74.04	
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	Sales	142.36	72.66	
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However, the availability of Urea and DAP fertilizers in Uttar Pradesh and All India level has been adequate.

The State-wise cumulative requirement (demand), availability and sales of Urea, DAP, MOP and Complex fertilizers during 2009-10 (April`09 to October`09) is annexed. As can be seen, the availability of urea, DAP and MOP has been adequate. However, there has been a little tightness in availability of complex (NPK) fertilizers because of low level of

indigenous production and also as these can not be imported.

(d):The steps taken for smooth distribution of fertilizers are as under:

i)The movement of fertilizers is being monitored throughout the country by an on-line web based monitoring system (www.urvarak.co.in) also called as Fertiliser Monitoring System (FMS);

ii)The subsidy on fertilizer is being paid only when it reaches the district;

iii)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;

iv)Department of Fertilizers has notified uniform freight subsidy scheme to transport fertilizers upto block level;

v)The gap between requirement and indigenous availability of Urea is met through imports; and

vi)New pricing policy for attracting investment in urea sector has been announced on 4th September, 2008. Further, fertilizer sector has been given highest priority in allocation of gas, for debottlenecking, expansion and revival projects in the country.

6.11.09CUMULATIVE AVAILABILITY OF FERTILISERS DURING THE YEAR 09-10 (APRIL TO OCTOBER)

QTY. IN (`000) MTs

State	UREA	DAP	MOP	COMPLEX
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Requirement	Availability	Sales	Requirement	Availability	Sales	Requirement	Availability	Sales
Sales	Requirement	Availability	Sales	Requirement	Availability	Sales	Requirement	Availability

Andhra Pradesh 1650.00 1503.62 1444.28 700.00 683.89 658.03 410.00 330.93
1090.97 1040.90

Karnataka 920.00 944.46 913.19 535.00 616.40 606.25 340.00 346.44 331.51
574.74

Kerala 110.00 103.47 99.59 25.25 21.36 21.29 109.00 104.52 100.83 119.5

TAMILNADU 585.00 480.78 472.48 285.00 197.37 194.64 322.00 247.29 240.40
335.61

Gujarat 1085.00 1032.60 996.40 560.00 557.76 527.43 136.00 145.05 142.6
227.36

Madhya Pradesh 818.29 783.10 765.12 632.26 698.68 674.86 90.59 83.97 80.0
123.10

Chhattisgarh 456.00 421.73 413.89 143.15 190.14 187.67 67.00 59.43 57.74

Maharashtra 1645.00 1617.34 1532.68 729.50 1052.76 1049.88 324.60 394.96
602.86 581.78

Rajasthan 698.00 634.48 592.11 500.00 448.07 446.72 21.00 30.82 27.66 1

Haryana 995.00 899.87 847.92 525.00 528.15 523.47 37.00 45.25 42.56 30

Punjab 1550.00 1414.22 1340.56 650.00 660.37 358.10 71.00 75.59 62.94 5

Himachal Pradesh 41.00 34.58 31.06 0.00 2.65 2.65 1.00 0.00 0.00 25.00

Jammu & Kashmir 95.67 53.90 51.17 58.50 27.11 27.08 14.72 2.33 1.87 0.0

Uttar Pradesh 2800.00 2774.57 2538.87 925.00 956.49 945.92 190.00 120.76
362.72 341.84

Uttarakhand	117.50	121.26	109.41	19.00	25.90	25.72	10.00	2.65	2.65	37.5
Bihar	1030.00	889.02	880.45	235.00	207.53	202.70	105.00	74.05	72.21	19
Jharkhand	145.00	108.68	103.73	87.50	61.46	59.88	12.50	7.74	7.74	36.80
Orissa	425.00	393.27	360.76	140.00	177.29	164.20	125.67	85.92	81.04	20
West Bengal	578.77	579.11	553.02	251.30	267.05	266.74	183.90	171.53	171.5	
	438.05									
Assam	132.60	136.70	136.04	16.80	16.29	16.28	62.30	44.62	37.73	5.50
All India	15969.54	14980.46	14235.77	7046.40	7403.74	7266.52	2653.22	2383.78		
	5697.40	4525.63	4351.92							