

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
RAJYA SABHA
QUESTION NO 27.11.2009
ANSWERED ON
REQUIREMENT AND AVAILABILITY OF FERTILIZERS .

945

SHRI O.T. LEPCHA

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

- (a) whether Government is aware that there is an acute shortage of fertilizers of all kinds all over the country and particularly in remote areas;
- (b) the demand of different fertilizers by different States in the country and the availability of the same; and
- (c) the steps Government is taking to make arrangements for supply of enough fertilizers of all kinds to avoid over pricing by suppliers?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS

(SHRI SRIKANT KUMAR JENA)

(a) & (b): 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 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 has been adequate. 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.

(c): The steps taken for supply of fertilizers and avoiding over pricing by suppliers 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;
- 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;

vii)The State Governments, as the enforcement agencies, are adequately empowered under Fertiliser Control Order, 1985 to take appropriate action against any offender who indulges in any kind of malpractices including black marketing.

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

QTY. IN (`000) MTs

State	UREA	DAP	MOP	COMPLEX	Requirement	Availability	Sales	Requirement	Availability	Sales	Requirement	Availability
	Sales	Requirement	Availability	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	119.1		
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	80.1	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		

