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DEPARTMENT OF FERTILIZERS

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Improving the supply of fertilizers in Odisha

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

- (a) the manner in which the supply of fertilizers to the farmers of Odisha can be improved;
- (b) the steps being undertaken by the Ministry to improve the supply;
- (c) the manner in which issues of irregular supply of fertilizers can be resolved; and
- (d) whether there can be a point of contact for the Members of Parliament of Odisha to access the Ministry to expedite fertilizer supply in Odisha?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
(SHRI BHAGWANTH KHUBA)

(a) to (c): Before the commencement of each cropping season, Department of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare (DA&FW), in consultation with all the State Governments including Odisha, assesses the state-wise & month-wise requirement of fertilizers.

- i. On the basis of requirement projected, Department of Fertilizers allocates sufficient/ adequate quantities of fertilizers to States by issuing monthly supply plan and continuously monitors the availability.
- ii. The movement of all major subsidized fertilizers is monitored throughout the country by an on-line web based monitoring system called integrated Fertilizer Monitoring System (iFMS);
- iii. The State Governments are regularly advised to coordinate with manufacturers and importers of fertilizers for streamlining the supplies through timely placement of indents for railway rakes through their state institutional agencies like Markfed etc.
- iv. Regular Weekly Video Conference is conducted jointly by DA&FW and DoF with State Agriculture Officials including Odisha and corrective actions are taken to dispatch fertilizer as indicated by the State Governments.

- v. The gap between demand (requirement) and production for Urea & other fertilizer is met through imports. The import for the season is also finalised well in advance to ensure timely availability.

Further, Department of Fertilizers (DoF) has developed an IT enabled system viz., Integrated Fertilizer Management System (iFMS), which captures end to end details of Fertilizer in terms of Production, Movement, availability, requirement, Sale, Subsidy Bill Generation to Subsidy payment to fertilizer companies. Concerned stakeholders like DoF, State Agriculture Departments, District Collectors, Fertilizer Companies are all provided with separate user passwords for operating and monitoring purposes.

Further, following steps have been/are taken by the Department of fertilizers to ensure comfortable availability of Fertilizers in all the States including Odisha during ongoing Rabi 2022-23 season:-

1. An attempt has been made to assess the field requirement in consultation with the states and accordingly, the district wise micro planning has been done which is being executed on daily basis.
2. 24x7 interactions with the state governments, companies and railways have been established through web platforms/control room.
3. The stakeholders viz., manufacturers, ports, railways have been sensitized to operate on maximum capacity to produce load, and move the fertilizers to the targeted destinations.
4. State Governments are impressed upon to use i-FMS dashboard stock figures for district wise stock availability and suitable interventions. Same source is used by DoF so as to be on board with states and closely oversee that the recommended movement for each district/ rake point.
5. The loading and voyage time of imported fertilizer shipments have been/are being monitored on daily basis and required suitable interventions have been/are being made from time to time.
6. Every day there is a close monitoring 24x7 and regular interaction with states, fertilizer companies and railway board. As 90% of the fertilizers are moved through railway rakes, so the loading and movement of these rakes is being executed in a very targeted manner (in consultation with respective state governments), so as to address the field demand suitably.

(d): The list of contact details of officials is already available on the website of the Department of fertilizers i.e <https://www.fert.nic.in/telephone-directory> .
