

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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DEPARTMENT OF FERTILIZERS

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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 668 TO BE ANSWERED ON: 13.12.2022

Shortage of urea

668: SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA:

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

- (a) whether Government is aware of shortage of urea for farmers in the country;
- (b) if so, whether Government has taken or is considering to take any step to ensure adequate supply of urea to farmers; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor ?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (c): The availability of Urea has remained comfortable in the country for the ongoing Rabi 2022-23 season, the details of which are as under:-

<Figures in LMT>

S. No	Product	Seasonal Requirement for RABI 2022-23	Pro rata Requirement From 01/10/2022 to 05/12/2022	Availability From 01/10/2022 to 05/12/2022	Cumulative DBT Sales From 01/10/2022 to 05/12/2022	Closing Stock as on 05/12/2022
1	UREA	180.18	82.79	114.40	67.44	46.96

Further, following steps are taken by the Government every season to meet the adequate and timely requirement of fertilizers in all the States.

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

- ii. 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.
- iii. 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);
- iv. 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.
- v. Regular Weekly Video Conference is conducted jointly by DA&FW and DoF with State Agriculture Officials and corrective actions are taken to dispatch fertilizer as indicated by the State Governments.
- vi. 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.
