

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
DEPARTMENT OF FERTILIZERS

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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1296 TO BE ANSWERED ON: 01.08.2023

Shortage of fertilizers in Tamil Nadu

1296: SHRI TIRUCHI SIVA:

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

- (a) Whether it is fact that there is a severe shortage of fertilizers in several States in the country, especially in the State of Tamil Nadu;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the reasons or factors contributing to the fertilizer shortage in Tamil Nadu with respect to the presence of any challenges or bottlenecks in the supply chain or issues related to production, distribution, or procurement that need to be addressed ;
- (d) Whether Government plans to promote organic farming practices or sustainable agriculture techniques that reduce reliance on chemical fertilizers in the State; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS
(**SHRI BHAGWANTH KHUBA**)

(a) to (c): The availability of fertilizers have remained comfortable in the country including Tamil Nadu in the ongoing Kharif 2023 season as per the following:

ALL INDIA REQUIREMENT, AVAILABILITY, SALES AND CLOSING STOCK DURING KHARIF 2023 (AS ON 27.07.2023)						
<FIGURES IN LMT>						
S. NO.	PRODUCT GROUP	REQT (KHARIF 2023)	PRO RATA REQ (01.04.2023 to 27.07.2023)	AVAILABILITY (01.04.2023 to 27.07.2023)	DBT SALES (01.04.2023 to 27.07.2023)	CLOSING STOCK (01.04.2023 to 27.07.2023)
1	UREA	170.67	110.92	164.06	102.80	61.26
2	DAP	55.19	39.14	64.68	33.50	31.18
3	MOP	15.02	9.67	9.26	3.49	5.77
4	NPKS	62.71	40.97	72.06	27.47	44.59

TAMIL NADU REQUIREMENT, AVAILABILITY, SALES AND CLOSING STOCK DURING KHARIF 2023 (AS ON 27.07.2023)						
<FIGURES IN LMT>						
S.NO	PRODUCT GROUP	REQT (KHARIF 2023)	PRO RATA REQ TILL (01.04.2023 to 27.07.2023)	AVAILABILITY (01.04.2023 to 27.07.2023)	DBT SALES (01.04.2023 to 27.07.2023)	CLOSING STOCK (01.04.2023 to 27.07.2023)
1	UREA	4.23	2.42	4.01	2.69	1.32
2	DAP	1.45	0.93	1.54	0.72	0.82
3	MOP	1.20	0.73	0.81	0.36	0.45
4	NPKS	3.00	1.73	4.23	1.97	2.26

(d) & (e): Government of India (GoI) is promoting the balanced and judicious use of fertilizers based on soil test based recommendations in conjunction with organic fertilizer and bio-fertilizers. The GoI is implementing Soil Health Card Scheme which besides providing soil fertility status (Soil test based information on nutrient status), also recommends appropriate dosages of nutrients to be applied for improving soil health and fertility. Further, under organic schemes of Paramparagat Krishi Vikas Yojana (PKVY), Namami Gange, Bhartiya Prakritik Krishi Padhati (BPKP), Mission Organic Value Chain Development for North- Eastern Region (MOVCDNER), National Project on Organic Farming (NPOF) etc., farmers are provided assistance for use of organic and bio-fertilizers. Further, National Centre for Organic Farming (NCOF) is involved in awareness generation & training activities for promotion of organic farming.
