

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
DEPARTMENT OF FERTILIZERS

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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2101 TO BE ANSWERED ON: 08.08.2023

Supply of essential chemical and fertilizers

2101: DR. KIRODI LAL MEENA:

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

- (a) whether farmers in the country are struggling hard for purchase of Urea, DAP, MOP and the other Phosphatic, Potassic Fertilizers for use in farming due to short supply in cooperative stores and market;
- (b) if so, the reason there for;
- (c) the action taken/proposed to be taken by Government to increase supply of essential chemical fertilizers in view of the fact that the total farm yield during Rabi season is likely to get adversely affected; and
- (d) the steps taken by Government to increase indigenous production of Nitrogenic, Phosphatic, Potassic fertilizers in the country and to reduce dependence on imports of such fertilizers?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (d): The availability of fertilizers (Urea, DAP, MOP and NPKS) have remained comfortable during the ongoing Kharif 2023 season as stated below:

ALL INDIA POSITION FOR KHARIF 2023(UPTO 03/08/2023)						
S.No	Product	Seasonal Requirement for KHARIF 2023	Pro rata Requirement From 01/04/2023 to 03/08/2023	Availability From 01/04/2023 to 03/08/2023	Cumulative DBT Sales From 01/04/2023 to 03/08/2023	Closing Stock as on 03/08/2023
1	UREA	170.67	118.88	171.46	113.66	57.81
2	DAP	55.19	41.27	68.44	36.21	32.23
3	MOP	15.02	10.27	9.69	3.82	5.87
4	NPKS	62.71	43.74	75.24	30.88	44.36

Further, Government of India ensures adequate availability of urea to meet the requirements of states/UTs. In order to increase the availability of urea through indigenous sources, Government of India announced New Investment Policy (NIP) – 2012 to facilitate fresh investment in the Urea sector and to make India self sufficient in the Urea sector. A total of 6 new Urea units have been set up under NIP – 2012, which together have added 76.2 LMT per annum in the existing indigenous Urea production capacity of the country. In addition, Government of India also introduced the New Urea Policy (NUP)–2015 on 25th May, 2015 with one of the objectives of maximizing indigenous urea production. As a result, the indigenous production of the country increased from 225.08 LMT in 2014-15 to 284.95 LMT in 2022-23.

Besides, following steps have been taken by the Department for increasing the domestic production of P&K fertilizers:

1. DoF granted permission to Madhya Bharat Agro product Limited Unit-II, Banda Sagar, MP for production of DAP/NPK with installed capacity 2,40,000 MT per annum.
2. DoF granted permission to M/s. Krishna Phoschem Ltd, MP for production of DAP/NPK with installed capacity 3,30,000 MT per annum.
3. PDM or Potash Derived from Molasses (0-0-14.5-0) has been included under NBS scheme.
4. Exploration of minerals for raw materials for DAP & other fertilizers in India, in consultation with Ministry of Mines, Geological Survey of India (GSI), Mineral Exploration Corporation Limited (MECL), FCI Aravali Gypsum and Minerals India Limited (FAGMIL) and concerned State Governments is a continuous process.
