

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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DEPARTMENT OF FERTILIZERS

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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1780 TO BE ANSWERED ON: 19.12.2023

Adequate Availability of Fertilizers

1780: SHRI MITHLESH KUMAR:

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

- (a) whether Government has ensured adequate availability of fertilizers to the farmers in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the requirement of fertilizers in the country is completely met by indigenous production; and
- (d) if not, the efforts made by Government to bridge the gap?

ANSWER

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

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. The availability of fertilizers viz. Urea, DAP, MOP and NPKS has remained comfortable across all the states in the country during the ongoing Rabi 2023-24 season as per the table given below:

ALL INDIA POSITION FOR RABI 2023-24 UPTO 13/12/2023 (FIG IN LMT)				
S.No.	Product	Seasonal Requirement for RABI 2023-24	Pro rata Requirement From 01-10-2023 to 13/12/2023	Availability from 01-10-2023 to 13/12/2023
1	UREA	185.41	93.60	135.27
2	DAP	54.99	38.30	43.88
3	MOP	12.60	6.66	10.71
4	NPKS	63.60	33.98	58.82

(c) & (d): The requirement of fertilizers in the country is assessed by DA&FW in coordination with the State Governments. However, the indigenous production of

fertilizers does not commensurate with the assessed requirement. Therefore, to bridge the gap between this requirement and indigenous production, timely imports are done. In case of Urea, the imports are done on Government account through 3 designated STEs namely Indian Potash Ltd. (IPL), Rashtriya Chemicals & Fertilizers Ltd. (RCF) & National Fertilizers Ltd. (NFL) and through long term contracts for Urea imports from OQ trading (OMAN). Further, P&K fertilizers are under Open General License and companies are importing these fertilizers to meet the demand based upon their commercial considerations.
