

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
DEPARTMENT OF FERTILIZERS

RAJYA SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO. 162* TO BE ANSWERED ON: 10.12.2024

Shortage of fertilizers

162*: SHRI RAMJI LAL SUMAN:

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

- (a) whether there is a huge shortage of Diammonium Phosphate (DAP) and Urea fertilizers in the country;
- (b) the quantum of shortage of DAP, Urea and NPK this year as compared to last year;
- (c) whether it is a fact that Government has failed to make correct assessment due to which farmers are not getting adequate fertilizers for sowing wheat; and
- (d) the details of the availability of fertilizers in the country during the last three years, year-wise?

ANSWER

MINISTER FOR CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS AND HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE

(SHRI JAGAT PRAKASH NADDA)

- (a) to (d): A statement is laid on the table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO RAJYA SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 162* FOR 10.12.2024 REGARDING "SHORTAGE OF FERTILIZERS" TABLED BY SHRI SHRI RAMJI LAL SUMAN.

(a) to (d): Department of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare (DA&FW) assesses the requirement for major fertilizers viz. UREA, DAP, MOP and NPKS fertilizers, before each cropping season (viz. Rabi and Kharif) through "Zonal Conference for Agricultural Inputs". The requirement of fertilizers is assessed in consultation with State Governments. At the conference, the State Governments/UTs present their projected requirements for major fertilizers and the requirement is assessed taking into account the projected gross cropped area, irrigated area, last three seasons' consumption pattern and crop wise recommended dose of fertilizers as per soil health fertility status etc. After the assessment, the State Governments provide month-wise break up of fertilizer-requirement. To meet the requirement of fertilizers of States, Department of Fertilizers allocates adequate quantities of fertilizers to States by issuing monthly supply plan and continuously monitors the availability position. These supplies are met through indigenous production as well as imports. India is dependent on imports of finished DAP (60%) and almost entirely for raw materials like Rock Phosphate, Phosphoric Acid and Natural Gas. Besides, India imports around 15% of its Urea requirement too.

The information regarding requirement, availability, sales and closing stock of fertilizers viz. Urea, DAP, MOP and NPKS in the country in the Kharif and Rabi seasons of last 3 years, Kharif 2024 and Rabi 2024-25 (from 01.10.2024 to 08.12.2024) is enclosed at **Annexure**.

ALL INDIA FERTILIZER POSITION

I. RABI 2024-25 (From 01.10.2024 TO 08.12.2024)

<QTY IN LMT>

| S.NO | PRODUCT GROUP | SEASONAL REQUIREMENT | PRO- RATA REQUIREMENT TILL 08.12.2024 | AVAILABILITY TILL 08.12.2024 | DBT SALES TILL 08.12.2024 | CLOSING STOCK TILL 08.12.2024 |
|------|---------------|----------------------|---------------------------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 1 | UREA | 186.89 | 88.04 | 132.12 | 71.76 | 60.36 |
| 2 | DAP | 52.05 | 36.68 | 40.04 | 31.35 | 8.69 |
| 3 | MOP | 11.95 | 6.18 | 14.06 | 5.68 | 8.38 |
| 4 | NPKS | 77.10 | 40.65 | 60.27 | 36.51 | 23.76 |

* Primary Indicator of comfortable availability: Availability > Requirement

** Secondary Indicator of comfortable availability: Availability > Sales

II. KHARIF 2024

<QTY IN LMT>

| S.NO | PRODUCT GROUP | SEASONAL REQUIREMENT | AVAILABILITY | DBT SALES | CLOSING STOCK |
|------|---------------|----------------------|--------------|-----------|---------------|
| 1 | UREA | 177.12 | 252.10 | 189.12 | 62.98 |
| 2 | DAP | 59.87 | 58.08 | 46.12 | 11.96 |
| 3 | MOP | 10.26 | 16.60 | 9.27 | 7.33 |
| 4 | NPKS | 74.19 | 111.66 | 75.46 | 36.20 |

* Primary Indicator of comfortable availability: Availability > Requirement

** Secondary Indicator of comfortable availability: Availability > Sales

III. RABI 2023-24

<QTY IN LMT>

| S.NO | PRODUCT GROUP | SEASONAL REQUIREMENT | AVAILABILITY | DBT SALES | CLOSING STOCK |
|---|---------------|----------------------|--------------|-----------|---------------|
| 1 | UREA | 185.41 | 253.64 | 173.86 | 79.78 |
| 2 | DAP | 54.99 | 63.48 | 45.78 | 17.70 |
| 3 | MOP | 12.60 | 15.02 | 8.71 | 6.31 |
| 4 | NPKS | 63.60 | 92.47 | 52.57 | 39.90 |
| * Primary Indicator of comfortable availability: Availability > Requirement | | | | | |
| ** Secondary Indicator of comfortable availability: Availability > Sales | | | | | |

IV. KHARIF 2023

<QTY IN LMT>

| S.NO | PRODUCT GROUP | SEASONAL REQUIREMENT | AVAILABILITY | DBT SALES | CLOSING STOCK |
|---|---------------|----------------------|--------------|-----------|---------------|
| 1 | UREA | 170.67 | 228.84 | 183.95 | 44.89 |
| 2 | DAP | 55.19 | 85.69 | 63.95 | 21.74 |
| 3 | MOP | 15.02 | 12.78 | 7.74 | 5.04 |
| 4 | NPKS | 62.71 | 97.29 | 64.23 | 33.06 |
| * Primary Indicator of comfortable availability: Availability > Requirement | | | | | |
| ** Secondary Indicator of comfortable availability: Availability > Sales | | | | | |

V. RABI 2022-23

<QTY IN LMT>

| S.NO | PRODUCT GROUP | SEASONAL REQUIREMENT | AVAILABILITY | DBT SALES | CLOSING STOCK |
|---|---------------|----------------------|--------------|-----------|---------------|
| 1 | UREA | 180.18 | 243.21 | 184.64 | 58.57 |
| 2 | DAP | 55.38 | 79.33 | 53.71 | 25.62 |
| 3 | MOP | 14.35 | 12.42 | 9.19 | 3.23 |
| 4 | NPKS | 56.97 | 85.43 | 55.24 | 30.19 |
| * Primary Indicator of comfortable availability: Availability > Requirement | | | | | |
| ** Secondary Indicator of comfortable availability: Availability > Sales | | | | | |

VI. KHARIF 2022

<QTY IN LMT>

| S.NO | PRODUCT GROUP | SEASONAL REQUIREMENT | AVAILABILITY | DBT SALES | CLOSING STOCK |
|---|---------------|----------------------|--------------|-----------|---------------|
| 1 | UREA | 179.01 | 219.98 | 172.61 | 47.37 |
| 2 | DAP | 58.82 | 65.78 | 51.60 | 14.18 |
| 3 | MOP | 19.82 | 12.60 | 7.13 | 5.47 |
| 4 | NPKS | 63.72 | 75.67 | 52.07 | 23.60 |
| * Primary Indicator of comfortable availability: Availability > Requirement | | | | | |
| ** Secondary Indicator of comfortable availability: Availability > Sales | | | | | |

VII. RABI 2021-22

<QTY IN LMT>

| S.NO | PRODUCT GROUP | SEASONAL REQUIREMENT | AVAILABILITY | DBT SALES | CLOSING STOCK |
|---|---------------|----------------------|--------------|-----------|---------------|
| 1 | UREA | 179.00 | 224.04 | 176.12 | 47.92 |
| 2 | DAP | 58.71 | 58.75 | 51.01 | 7.74 |
| 3 | MOP | 16.86 | 12.66 | 9.68 | 2.98 |
| 4 | NPKS | 60.86 | 73.15 | 58.96 | 14.19 |
| * Primary Indicator of comfortable availability: Availability > Requirement | | | | | |
| ** Secondary Indicator of comfortable availability: Availability > Sales | | | | | |

VIII. KHARIF 2021

<QTY IN LMT>

| S.NO | PRODUCT GROUP | SEASONAL REQUIREMENT | AVAILABILITY | DBT SALES | CLOSING STOCK |
|---|---------------|----------------------|--------------|-----------|---------------|
| 1 | UREA | 177.53 | 208.33 | 165.61 | 42.72 |
| 2 | DAP | 65.18 | 56.33 | 41.63 | 14.70 |
| 3 | MOP | 20.24 | 20.96 | 14.25 | 6.71 |
| 4 | NPKS | 61.87 | 90.46 | 62.41 | 28.05 |
| * Primary Indicator of comfortable availability: Availability > Requirement | | | | | |
| ** Secondary Indicator of comfortable availability: Availability > Sales | | | | | |
