

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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DEPARTMENT OF FERTILIZERS

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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1614 TO BE ANSWERED ON: 10.12.2024

Availability of fertilizers and chemicals in Odisha

1614: SHRI MANAS RANJAN MANGARAJ:

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

- (a) whether Government has ensured adequate availability of fertilizers and chemicals in Odisha, particularly during the agricultural peak seasons;
- (b) if so, the details of distribution mechanisms, subsidies and storage facilities provided to farmers in Odisha; and
- (c) the challenges faced in ensuring the timely supply and affordability of fertilizers and chemicals in the State and the measures taken to address these issues?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS
(SMT. ANUPRIYA PATEL)

(a): The requirement, availability, sales and closing stock of fertilizers viz. UREA, DAP, MOP and NPKS in the State of Odisha during the ongoing Rabi 2024-25 season (From 01.10.2024 to 05.12.2024) is given as per the table below:

| POSITION OF FERTILIZERS IN ODISHA AS ON 05.12.2024 (QUANTITIES IN LMT) | | | | | | |
|---|--------------------------|---------------------------------|--|---|--|--|
| S.N O | PRODUCT GROUP | SEASONAL REQUIREMENT | PRO- RATA REQUIREMENT TILL 05.12.2024 | AVAILABILITY TILL 05.12.2024 | DBT SALES TILL 05.12.2024 | CLOSING STOCK TILL 05.12.2024 |
| 1 | UREA | 1.85 | 0.42 | 1.81 | 0.52 | 1.29 |
| 2 | DAP | 0.70 | 0.14 | 0.40 | 0.16 | 0.24 |
| 3 | MOP | 0.25 | 0.06 | 0.35 | 0.06 | 0.29 |
| 4 | NPKS | 0.75 | 0.16 | 0.75 | 0.19 | 0.56 |

(b) & (c): The following steps are taken by the Government every season for ensuring timely and adequate supply of fertilizers in the country:

- 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. Regular Weekly Video Conference is conducted jointly by DA&FW and D/o Fertilizers with State Agriculture Officials and corrective actions are taken to dispatch fertilizers as indicated by the State Governments.

v. The gap between demand (requirement) and production of fertilizers is met through imports. The import for the season is also finalized well in advance to ensure timely availability.

Further, at present, Urea is provided to the farmers at a statutorily notified Maximum Retail Price (MRP). The MRP of 45 kg bag of Urea is Rs.266.50 per bag. Besides, Government of India has laid down reasonable guidelines for P&K fertilizers which ensure that P&K fertilizers are available at reasonable prices to farmers. Accordingly, all farmers are being supplied fertilizers at the subsidized rates.
