

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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Ensuring the availability of DAP

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

- (a) the steps taken to ensure that there will be no shortage of DAP during the upcoming sowing seasons, given the rupee depreciation and high import costs;
- (b) whether Government is considering to provide additional support to fertilizer companies affected by rising import costs and the weakening of the rupee to ensure continuous import and supply of DAP; and
- (c) the quantum of DAP that has been imported between the years 2019 to 2024, year-wise, and the demand and actual consumption over the last five years, year-wise?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS
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(a) & (b): The following steps are taken by the Government every season for ensuring timely and adequate availability of DAP and other 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 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.

Further, in order to ensure supply of DAP at affordable prices Government has implemented Nutrient Based Subsidy Policy w.e.f. 01.04.2010 for Phosphatic and Potassic (P&K) Fertilizers. Under the policy, a fixed amount of subsidy, decided on annual/bi-annual basis, is provided on notified P&K fertilizers depending on their nutrient content. The P&K sector is decontrolled; fertilizer companies are allowed to fix MRP at reasonable levels. The fertilizer companies manufacture/import fertilizers as per the market dynamics. The Government monitors international prices of key fertilizers and raw materials and fluctuations, if any, are subsumed while fixing NBS rates for P&K fertilizers annually / bi-annually to ensure affordable supply of P&K fertilizers to the farmers.

Besides, in wake of recent geopolitical situation and price volatility of DAP, smooth availability of DAP at affordable cost has been ensured through one-time special package @ Rs. 3,500 per Metric Ton from 01.04.2024 to 31.03.2025 and linking the subsidy to the international market prices.

(c): The quantum of DAP that has been imported between the years 2019-20 to 2023-24 including the current FY (2024-25) is as under:

IMPORT OF DAP FROM 2019-20 TO 2024-25 (UPTO FEB-25)	
(Fig. In LMT)	
(As Reported by the Companies)	
Year	Quantity
2019-20	48.7
2020-21	48.82
2021-22	54.62
2022-23	65.83
2023-24	55.67
2024-25 (upto Feb-25)	44.19

Further, the demand and actual consumption of DAP in the country over the last five years including current FY (2024-25) is as under:

YEAR WISE DEMAND & CONSUMPTION OF DAP IN THE COUNTRY FOR LAST 5 YEARS		
YEAR	DAP	
	(Fig. In LMT)	
	DEMAND	CONSUMPTION
2019-20	103.3	101.01
2020-21	107.76	119.18
2021-22	123.9	92.64
2022-23	114.2	105.31
2023-24	110.18	109.73
2024-25 (TILL 26.03.25)	111.41	95.89
