

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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DEPARTMENT OF FERTILIZERS

**RAJYA SABHA**

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3545 TO BE ANSWERED ON: 24.03.2026**

Fertilizer supply to Kerala

**3545 Shri Sandosh Kumar P:**

Will the Minister of **Chemicals and Fertilizers** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has ensured adequate supply of fertilizers to the State of Kerala particularly during peak agricultural seasons of the last five years;
- (b) the quantity of urea, DAP, and other major fertilizers allocated and supplied to Kerala during the said period, year-wise;
- (c) the present operational status and production capacity of Fertilisers and Chemicals Travancore Limited (FACT), Kochi;
- (d) whether Government proposes any modernisation or expansion plan for FACT to enhance domestic fertilizer production; and
- (e) the steps taken to prevent shortage and price fluctuation of fertilizers affecting farmers in Kerala?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS

**(SMT. ANUPRIYA PATEL)**

(a), (b) & (e) Following steps are taken by the Government every season for ensuring timely and adequate availability of fertilizers in the country, including the State of Kerala:

- (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 by DA&FW, D/o 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 Management System (iFMS).
- (iv) The State Governments are regularly advised to coordinate with manufacturers and importers for streamlining the supplies through timely placement of indents.
- (v) Regular coordination meetings are held with Ministry of Railways for giving sufficient rakes, priority to fertilizers and for timely evacuation of rakes for States.
- (vi) The distribution of fertilizers within the State at district level is done by the concerned State government.

In view of above, it is submitted that the availability of fertilizers viz. Urea, DAP, MOP and NPKS has remained adequate in the State of Kerala during the last five years from 2020-21 to 2024-25. The information regarding requirement, availability and sales of these fertilizers during the said period is placed at **Annexure**.

Further, in order to ensure availability of Urea at affordable price, under the Urea Subsidy Scheme, it is provided to the farmers at a statutorily notified Maximum Retail Price (MRP). The MRP of 45 kg bag of Urea is Rs.242 per bag (exclusive of charges towards Neem coating and taxes as applicable). The difference between the delivered cost of urea at farm gate and net market realization by the urea units is given as subsidy to the Urea manufacturer/importer by the Government of India. Accordingly, all farmers are being supplied Urea at the subsidized rates.

Besides, the Government has implemented Nutrient Based Subsidy (NBS) Scheme w.e.f. 01.04.2010 for Phosphatic and Potassic (P&K) Fertilizers. Under NBS policy, the subsidy is provided to manufacturer/ importer on notified P&K fertilizers on its PoS sale during the season, depending on their nutrient content to ensure availability of fertilizers to farmers. 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. Further, to ensure affordability, special provisions like Rs. 3500 per MT to cover 'Other Costs' which includes costs incurred from factory gate to farm gate,

advantage / disadvantage due to increase / decrease in international prices, provision for GST component included in the MRP and provision for reasonable return @ 4% of net MRP (MRP-GST) have been extended to both imported and domestic DAP and imported TSP over and above NBS subsidy for Kharif 2025 and Rabi 2025-26 seasons.

(c) & (d) The fertilizer plants of FACT are operating at more than 100% capacity utilization. The production and sales for FY 2025-26 upto February 2026 are as follows:

Fig. in MT

	<b>Installed capacity</b>	<b>Production</b>	<b>Sales</b>
Factamfos	6,33,500	7,53,375	7,14,239
Ammonium Sulphate	2,25,000	2,57,661	2,77,920
Traded (imported/purchased)	-	-	2,10,860

However, the Company reported a turnover of Rs. 4240 Cr with a loss of Rs.43 Cr during the nine month period ended 31.12.2025

Besides, currently, there is no proposal under consideration in the Department of Fertilizers related to modernization or expansion of FACT to enhance domestic fertilizer production.

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Annexure referred to in reply to parts (a), (b) & ( e ) of Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question no. 3545 for answering on 24.03.202

KERALA												
SEASON-WISE REQUIREMENT, AVAILABILITY AND SALES DURING 2020-21 TO 2024-25												
FIG. IN MTs												
SEASON	UREA			DAP			MOP			NPKS		
	REQUIREMENT	AVAILABILITY	SALES	REQUIREMENT	AVAILABILITY	SALES	REQUIREMENT	AVAILABILITY	SALES	REQUIREMENT	AVAILABILITY	SALES
KHARIF 2020	56,000	83,000	63,000	10,000	15,000	12,000	40,000	82,000	54,000	62,000	107,000	73,000
RABI 2021-22	57,000	87,000	64,000	8,800	10,000	9,000	45,000	73,000	55,000	63,000	99,000	70,000
KHARIF 2021	64,000	77,870	61,620	12,000	9,850	9,100	60,000	59,330	49,560	77,800	94,140	68,100
RABI 2021-22	58,000	67,650	53,200	8,000	5,380	4,910	50,010	36,770	27,830	67,000	75,380	58,230
KHARIF 2022	65,000	71,820	55,130	12,000	13,090	10,790	57,000	52,460	40,050	75,000	70,550	51,160
RABI 2022-23	58,000	76,510	56,840	7,750	11,040	7,760	50,000	45,690	38,198	67,000	73,645	50,950
KHARIF 2023	60,500	59,450	46,790	12,000	10,760	8,090	57,000	45,220	35,940	75,000	98,670	69,800
RABI 2023-24	58,001	66,250	49,460	7,751	10,000	7,440	40,001	51,450	34,560	66,998	86,090	56,600
KHARIF 2024	53,710	73,270	52,090	10,000	13,410	10,400	42,010	49,940	37,780	76,560	96,340	60,980
RABI 2024-25	57,000	85,000	63,000	7,000	11,000	10,000	40,000	67,770	45,000	60,000	88,000	65,000

1. Primary Indicator of comfortable availability: Availability > Requirement

2. Secondary Indicator of comfortable availability: Availability > Sales

