

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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DEPARTMENT OF FERTILIZERS

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Buffer Stock of Fertilizers

4061. DR. RAVINDRA BABU:

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

- (a) whether the Government is ensuring adequate supply of fertilizers during the peak season by creating a buffer stock of key farm nutrients like Di-ammonium phosphate, muriate of potash and urea;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise especially in Andhra Pradesh; and
- (c) if not, the time by which such steps are likely to be taken by the Government in this regard?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND
MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS

(RAO INDERJIT SINGH)

(a) & (b): Yes Madam. Before the commencement of each cropping season, Department of Agriculture, Cooperation and Farmers Welfare (DAC&FW), in consultation with all the State Governments, assesses the requirement of fertilizers. After assessment of requirement, DAC&FW projects month-wise requirement of fertilizers.

On the basis of Month-wise & State-wise projection given by DAC&FW, Department of Fertilizers allocates sufficient/ adequate quantities of fertilizers to States by issuing monthly supply plan and continuously monitors the availability through following system:

- (i) The movement of all major subsidized fertilizers is being monitored throughout the country by an on-line web based monitoring system called integrated Fertilizer Monitoring System (iFMS);
- (ii) The State Governments are regularly advised to coordinate with manufacturers and importers of fertilizers for streamlining the supplies through timely placement of indents for railway rakes through their state institutional agencies like Markfed etc.

- (iii) Regular Weekly Video Conference is conducted jointly by Department of Agriculture & Cooperation and Farmers Welfare (DAC&FW), Department of Fertilizers (DoF), and Ministry of Railways with State Agriculture Officials and corrective actions are taken to dispatch fertilizer as indicated by the State Governments.
- (iv) The gap between demand (requirement) and production is met through imports. The import for the season is also finalised well in advance to ensure timely availability.

Further, fertilizers are made available well in advance of actual consumption by way of giving allocation more than the requirement for prepositioning of stocks at various points of supply chain especially in the lean period of consumption. Two statements indicating the quantum of fertilizers demanded and supplied to the States during the last three years and estimated of current year, State-wise are placed at **Annexure 'A' and Annexure 'B'** respectively. It can be seen from the statements that there is no shortage of any fertilizers as availability was more than the sales. Thus, the availability of fertilizers is adequate in the country including Andhra Pradesh.

(c): In view of (a) & (b) above, question does not arise.
