

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
DEPARTMENT OF FERTILIZERS

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Fertilizer Availability

5156 SHRI ASHOK SHANKARRAO CHAVAN:

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

- (a) whether the Government has reviewed the availability of fertilizers in a high level meeting recently;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the present status of availability of fertilizers for the current rainy season in the country;
- (c) whether the Government has also decided to bring down the MRP of DAP fertilizer recently;
- (d) if so, whether private manufacturers have not agreed to bring down the price of the said fertilizers;
- (e) if so, the details thereof and the response of the Government in this regard; and
- (f) the other steps taken/being taken by the Government for supply of sufficient quantum of fertilizers at affordable price to the farmers in the rainy season?

ANSWER

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

(RAO INDERJIT SINGH)

(a) & (b): Madam, it is informed that the requirement of fertilizers is assessed by Department of Agriculture, Cooperation and Farmers Welfare (DAC&FW), in consultation with all the State Governments before the commencement of each cropping season. 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. The details of requirement, availability and sales of fertilizers during the current year 2017-18 (upto 22.03.2018) are given in the table below:

	Projected Requirement	Availability	Sales
Urea	298.52	304.81	293.14
P&K (DAP, MOP & complex)	229.47	219.71	199.52

It can be seen from the table above that the availability of fertilizers has been more than the sales.

(c) to (e): Keeping in pace with international market, Department of Fertilizers has encouraged fertilizer companies to reduce the prices of DAP during 2016-17. Accordingly, the prices of DAP was reduced by Rs. 125/- per 50 Kg bag in June, 2016. The prices of DAP further reduced by Rs. 65/- per 50 Kg bag during December 2016.

(f): 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.

Thus, with the steps as indicated above, Department of Fertilizers ensures timely supply of sufficient quantum of fertilizers at subsidized price to the farmers season-wise.
