

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS
DEPARTMENT OF FERTILIZERS

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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.5811 TO BE ANSWERED ON 03.04.2018

Consumption of Urea

5811 SHRI RAJESH PANDEY:

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

- (a) the production and consumption of urea in the country at present ;
- (b) the gap between demand and supply of urea along with the targets of production fixed for the next three years;
- (c) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to eliminate the shortage and irregularities in supply of urea ; and
- (d) the steps being taken by the Government to ensure regular supply of fertilizers in backward and remote areas of the country ?

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) : The production and consumption of Urea in the country for the year 2016-17 and 2017-18 (upto February, 18) are given below:-

(Figure in 'LMT')

Year	Production	Consumption/Sale
2016-17	242.01	296.07
2017-18 (up to Feb,2018)	218.53	283.18

(b): The demand of fertilizers is assessed and projected season-wise by the Department of Agriculture, Co-operation & Farmers' Welfare (DAC&FW) in consultation with the State Governments for which bi-annual conferences are held before commencement of each cropping season. The gap between demand and production is met through imports. The requirement for Kharif 2018 (April to September, 2018), as assessed by DAC&FW, is 148.90 LMT (without reserve allocation) & 158.00 LMT (with reserve allocation). The requirement (demand) is fulfilled through indigenous production and imports. The season-wise demand is assessed before the start of the season each year.

(c) & (d): To ensure adequate availability as per demand and to eliminate the shortage and irregularities in supply of Urea including in backward, remote and hilly areas, the Department of Fertilizers takes following steps:-

(1) The month-wise demand is assessed and projected by the Department of Agriculture & Co-operation and Farmers Welfare (DAC&FW) in consultation with the State Governments before commencement of each cropping season.

(2) 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 monitored throughout the country by an on-line web based monitoring system (www.urvarak.co.in) also called as 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 import.
