

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
DEPARTMENT OF FERTILIZERS

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Fertilizer Requirement

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

- (a) whether there is a shortfall of around five million tonnes of urea which will impact Rabi crops unless urgent imports are contracted;
- (b) whether the total fertilizer requirement for the current Rabi season is likely to increase as compared to the last two years;
- (c) if so, the comparative details thereof during the last four years, State-wise; and
- (d) the reasons for the increase in fertilizer requirement in the country and the remedial steps taken in this regard?

ANSWER

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

(RAO INDERJIT SINGH)

(a): Department of Agriculture Cooperation & Farmers Welfare (DAC&FW) in consultation with States/ UTs assesses the requirement (demand) of all fertilizers before the start of each Season separately (Kharif and Rabi Season). Department of Fertilizers ensures availability of fertilizers at the State level from indigenous productions and imports. There is a gap between demand and domestic production of fertilizers in the country. The gap between demand (requirement) and production is met through imports. The import for the season is also finalized well in advance to ensure timely availability. Further, there is adequate availability of all fertilizers in the Country.

(b): DAC&FW assesses the requirement of fertilizers in two Zonal Conferences before the beginning of each cropping season. The Rabi 2018-19 season shall begin from October, 2018. The requirement of fertilizers for Rabi season is finalised in the Zonal conference which is usually held in the month of August. The requirement of fertilizers for Rabi 2018-19 season has not been finalized yet.

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(c) & (d): The detail of quantity assessed of all the fertilizers during last four years is as follows:

(Unit: in Lakh MT)

SEASONS	UREA			DAP	MOP	COMPLEX	SSP	TOTAL FERTILIZERS
	ACTUAL	RESERVED	TOTAL					
KHARIF 2014	146.60	12.40	159.00	48.42	14.85	49.60	34.93	306.79
RABI 2014-15	160.61	8.45	169.06	47.87	15.41	50.22	35.08	317.63
Total 2014-15	307.21	20.85	328.06	96.29	30.26	99.81	70.01	624.42
KHARIF 2015	155.30	7.25	162.55	51.03	18.31	52.93	33.11	317.94
RABI 2015-16	158.85	7.35	166.20	51.51	17.77	53.16	32.48	321.11
Total 2015-16	314.15	14.60	328.75	102.54	36.08	106.09	65.59	639.05
KHARIF 2016	145.81	7.75	153.56	50.71	16.68	53.29	29.41	303.64
RABI 2016-17	145.68	15.25	160.93	49.73	17.03	49.61	33.38	310.68
Total 2016-17	291.50	23.00	314.49	100.44	33.71	102.90	62.79	614.33
KHARIF 2017	144.24	6.95	151.19	47.91	17.20	47.73	25.91	289.94
RABI 2017-18	153.71	8.05	161.83	50.54	16.70	50.46	29.48	309.82
Total 2017-18	298.54	15.00	313.54	98.74	33.90	98.19	55.39	599.75
KHARIF 2018	148.91	9.10	158.01	49.19	20.26	49.74	26.26	303.46

From the above table, it can be seen that there is no definite trend in the fertilizer requirement.
