

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS  
DEPARTMENT OF FERTILISERS

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Production & Consumption of Urea

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

- (a) the details of the total production and consumption of urea in the country at present ;
- (b) the details of the gap between demand and supply of urea and the targets fixed for the next three years;
- (c) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to overcome the shortage in supply of urea and irregularities in this regard ; and
- (d) the details of the steps being taken to ensure regular supply of fertilizers in the backward, inaccessible and hilly areas ?

ANSWER

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

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(a): The production and consumption/sale of Urea in the country during the year 2017-18 and 2018-19 ( upto November,2018) are given below:-

Year	Production	(Figure in 'LMT')
		Consumption/Sale
2017-18	240.23	303.06
2018-19 (Upto Nov.18)	156.28	198.16

(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 the year 2018-19 (April to November, 2018), as assessed by DAC&FW, is 210.11 LMT. The requirement(demand) is fulfilled through indigenous production and imports.

The season-wise target and demand for next 3 years is to be assessed before commencement of the season.

**(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 being monitored throughout the country by an on-line web based monitoring system ([www.urvarak.co.in](http://www.urvarak.co.in)) also called as Integrated Fertilizer Management 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.

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