

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
DEPARTMENT OF FERTILIZERS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1701 TO BE ANSWERED ON: 16.12.2022

Shortage of fertilizers in Tamil Nadu

1701: DR. T. SUMATHY (a) THAMIZHACHI THANGAPANDIAN:

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

- (a) whether the Government has taken cognizance of the shortage of various fertilizer being faced by farmers in various districts of Tamil Nadu;
- (b) if so, the steps taken by the Government so far to tackle such issue;
- (c) the details of different fertilizers allocated to the State of Tamil Nadu along with the quantities disbursed so far;
- (d) whether the Government has enough stock of fertilizers to deal with pan India demands for the upcoming crop season;
- (e) if so, the details thereof along with the allocations made to different States for the upcoming crop season; and
- (f) the time by which the Government plan to release such fertilizers to the States?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
(**SHRI BHAGWANTH KHUBA**)

(a) & (b): The availability of fertilizers have remained comfortable in the State of Tamil Nadu.

(c): The requirement and availability of fertilizers for the state of Tamil Nadu for the ongoing Rabi 2022-23 season is as under:

TAMIL NADU FERTILIZER POSITION DURING RABI 2022-23 (AS ON 11.12.2022)						
<FIGURES IN LMT>						
S.NO	PRODUCT GROUP	SEASONAL REQUIREMENT	PRO RATA REQUIREMENT TILL 11.12.2022	AVAILABILITY TILL 11.12.2022	SALES TILL 11.12.2022	CLOSING STOCK
1	UREA	5.46	3.28	3.65	2.76	0.89
2	DAP	1.28	0.75	1.14	0.80	0.34
3	MOP	1.33	0.68	0.72	0.41	0.31
4	NPKS	3.45	1.83	3.58	1.99	1.59

(d) to (f): The availability of fertilizers in the ongoing Rabi 2022-23 season has remained comfortable as per the following:

ALL INDIA POSITION FOR RABI 2022-23(UPTO 11/12/2022)						
Fig. in LMT						
S. No	Product	Seasonal Requirement for RABI 2022-23	Pro rata Requirement From 01/10/2022 to 11/12/2022	Availability From 01/10/2022 to 11/12/2022	Cumulative DBT Sales From 01/10/2022 to 11/12/2022	Closing Stock as on 11/12/2022
1	UREA	180.18	90.42	120.70	76.41	44.29
2	DAP	55.38	37.63	46.80	35.68	11.12
3	MOP	14.35	7.49	8.90	4.72	4.19
4	NPKS	56.97	28.98	49.52	25.89	23.63
5	SSP	33.64	19.77	28.47	14.10	14.37

Further, before the commencement of each cropping season, Department of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare (DA&FW), in consultation with all the State Governments, assesses the state-wise & month-wise requirement of fertilizers.

1. On the basis of requirement projected, Department of Fertilizers allocates sufficient/ adequate quantities of fertilizers to States by issuing monthly supply plan and continuously monitors the availability.
2. 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.
3. Regular Weekly Video Conference is conducted jointly by DA&FW and DoF with State Agriculture Officials and corrective actions are taken to dispatch fertilizer as indicated by the State Governments.
4. The gap between demand (requirement) and production for Urea & other fertilizer is met through imports. The import for the season is also finalised well in advance to ensure timely availability.
