

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
DEPARTMENT OF FERTILIZERS

LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1760 TO BE ANSWERED ON : 16.12.2022

Agreement with potash exporting countries

1760. SHRI A. GANESHAMURTHI:

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

- (a) whether the Government has taken note that most of the farmers have skipped potash application in crops due to high price and loss of critical supplies from Belarus and Russia;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the response of the Government there to;
- (c) whether the Government has signed any agreement with other Potash exporting countries to ensure fair price and adequate stocks of potash in the coming season; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS

(SHRI BHAGWANTKHUBA)

(a) & (b): The consumption of Potash Fertilizers in India for the last 3 years is shown in the table given below for your kind perusal:

PRODUCT WISE & FINANCIAL YEAR DBT SALES				
S. No.	Financial Year	DAP	MOP	Fig. in LMT
				NPKs
1	2020-21	119.18	34.32	125.82
2	2021-22	92.64	23.93	121.37
3	2022-23 (From April to Nov. 2022)	83.53	11.23	74.16

(c) & (d): P&K Fertilizers are in decontrolled sector and as such the fertilizers/raw materials are imported by the concerned fertilizers companies. Department of Fertilizers monitors the supply situation and due to the current geopolitical situation arose because of Russia -Ukraine conflict Government of India has facilitated signing of long term MoUs/Agreements and short term supplies between Indian P&K fertilizer companies and alternative sources from abroad in consultation with other

concerned ministries such as - Ministry of External Affairs, Ministry of Finance, Department of Commerce etc.

The availability of fertilizers in India is comfortable as shown in the table given below:

ALL INDIA POSITION FOR RABI 2022-23 (UPTO 06/12/2022)								
								Fig. in LMT
S. No	Product	Seasonal Requirement for RABI 2022-23	Pro rata Requirement From 01/10/22 to 06/12/22	Opening Stock as on 01/10/22	Receipts from 01/10/22 to 06/12/22	Availability From 01/10/22 to 06/12/22	Cumulative DBT Sales From 01/10/22 to 06/12/22	Closing Stock as on 06/12/22
1	UREA	180.18	84.06	47.37	67.98	115.34	69.18	46.17
2	DAP	55.38	36.20	14.18	30.53	44.71	34.12	10.59
3	MOP	14.35	7.12	5.48	3.25	8.73	4.47	4.26
4	NPKS	56.97	27.49	23.60	24.53	48.13	24.30	23.82
5	SSP	33.64	18.92	17.46	10.31	27.77	13.34	14.43
