

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
DEPARTMENT OF FERTILIZERS

LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 237 TO BE ANSWERED O.J: 3.02.2023

Shortage of fertilizers in Odisha

237: SHRIMATI SANGEETA KUMARI SINGH DEO:

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

- (a) whether there has been shortage of fertilizers in various districts of Odisha;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, district-wise including Bolangir, Odisha;
- (c) whether there have been reports of large scale black marketing of fertilizers in Odisha;
- (d) if so, the details thereof, district-wise including Bolangir, Odisha; and
- (e) the measures taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to stop such black marketing of fertilizer in the Bolangir, Odisha?

ANSWER

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

(a) & (b): The availability of fertilizers have remained comfortable in the State of Odisha for the ongoing Rabi 2022-23 season as per **Annexure-A**. Further, Department has ensured the comfortable availability of fertilizers in the state. The distribution of fertilizers within the State is the responsibility of concerned State Government.

(c) to (e): Fertilizers are declared as essential commodity under Essential Commodities Act, 1955 (EC Act) and a strong enforcement mechanism is in place under Fertilizer Control and Movement orders (FCO&FMO) to stop any possible diversion/ black marketing of fertilizers. State Governments are adequately empowered under the act to take punitive action against any person violating its provisions and involved in hoarding, diversion, black-marketing etc.

FERTILIZERS REQUIREMENT, AVAILABILITY AND DBT SALES FOR RABI 2022-23(UPTO 29.01.2023)

Fig. in LMT

ODISHA FERTILIZERS POSITION						
RABI 2022-23(UPTO 29.01.2023)						
S.No.	PRODUCT GROUP	Seasonal Requirement for RABI 2022-23	Pro rata Requirement from 01/10/2022 to 29/01/2023	Availability from 01/10/2022 to 29/01/2023	Cumulative DBT Sales from 01/10/2022 to 29/01/2023	Closing Stock as on 29/01/2023
1	UREA	1.84	0.93	2.04	0.80	1.24
2	DAP	0.69	0.44	0.72	0.30	0.42
3	MOP	0.35	0.20	0.33	0.10	0.23
4	NPKS	0.80	0.50	0.90	0.37	0.53

Source: ifms dashboard
