

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
DEPARTMENT OF FERTILIZERS
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 401 TO BE ANSWERED ON: 03.02.2023

Shortage of Urea

401: SHRI BHOLANATH (B.P. SAROJ):

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that various States including Uttar Pradesh are experiencing severe urea shortage due to an extended monsoon and have requested the Union Government to augment urea supply to them;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise particularly in Uttar Pradesh; and
- (c) the remedial action taken/proposed by the Government in this regard?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (c): No Sir. The availability of Urea has remained comfortable in the country including the state of Uttar Pradesh for the ongoing Rabi 2022-23 season. The availability of Urea fertilizer is attached as **Annexure-A**.

Further, following steps are taken by the Government every season to meet the adequate and timely requirement of fertilizers in all the States including Uttar Pradesh.

- i. 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.
- ii. 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.
- iii. The movement of all major subsidized fertilizers is monitored throughout the country by an on-line web based monitoring system called integrated Fertilizer Monitoring System (iFMS);
- iv. 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.
- v. 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.
- vi. 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.
