

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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DEPARTMENT OF FERTILIZERS

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**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1407 TO BE ANSWERED ON: 11.02.2020**

**Urea shortage**

**1407. SHRI RAVNEET SINGH BITTU:**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that several states in the country 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-wise;
- (c) whether the Government has taken any initiative to augment the availability of urea and ensure timely availability to the states; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER FOR CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS

**(SHRI D.V. SADANANDA GOWDA)**

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(a): No, Sir. The availability of Urea against sales is sufficient/ adequate in the country and there is no shortage of fertilizers including urea.

(b): In view of (a) above, question does not arise.

(c) & (d): Sir, Department of Fertilizers (DoF) constantly closely monitors the position of availability of urea across the country. To facilitate this at all levels, DoF has developed an IT enabled system viz., Integrated Fertilizer Management System (iFMS), which captures end to end details of Fertilizer in terms of Production, Movement, availability, requirement, Sale, Subsidy Bill Generation to Subsidy payment to fertilizer companies. The iFMS system can be accessed at <http://mfms.nic.in/>. Concerned stakeholders like DoF, State Agriculture Departments, District Collectors, Fertilizer Companies are all provided with separate user passwords for operating and monitoring purposes. Few features of iFMS portal are as below:

- Real time, online tracking of fertilizer movement, along the plant/port-rake point-district-wholesaler-retailer chain.
- Real time Fertilizer availability data at State, district, wholesaler & retailer level.
- Real time tracking of sale of fertilizers at subsidized rates to farmers through PoS devices.
- A complete end to end transaction visibility of fertilizers starting from import/ production till sales to farmers.

Department has also developed a dashboard which can be accessed at <https://urvarak.nic.in>. The dashboard is developed to facilitate easy monitoring by various Stake holders viz. State Agriculture Departments, District Collectors and State Marketing Federations. The Dashboards provide various reports viz.,

- Top 20 buyers (State wise, District wise)
- Frequent buyers (State wise, District wise)
- The retailers not selling fertilizer through PoS devices
- Stock as on Today
- Stock Availability: at port, plant, in states, product and period-wise (month, year etc.)

Further, the availability of fertilizer is regularly monitored during the weekly video conference. In case of any shortfall, efforts are made to ensure adequate availability.

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