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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2482 TO BE ANSWERED ON: 09.03.2021

Shortage of Fertilizers

2482. SHRI B.N. BACHE GOWDA:

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

(a) whether there has been any shortage of fertilizers during the Khariff and Rabi season 2020;
(b) if so, the details thereof indicating the shortage of fertilizers reported during the said period;
(c) the quantity of fertilizers being imported during this period;
(d) the details of quantity of fertilizer being produced in the country during the said period;
(e) the details of measures taken to meet the shortage of fertilizers in the country?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS

(SHRI D.V. SADANANDA GOWDA)

(a): No Sir, there has been no shortage of Fertilizers during Khariff’20 and Rabi 2020-21 season.

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

(c): The quantity of fertilizers imported during the period 2020-21 (upto February’21) is as under:-

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<th>SEASON-WISE IMPORT OF FERTILIZERS DURING 2020-21 (Upto Feb’ 21)</th>
<th>&lt;Figures in LMT&gt;</th>
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<tr>
<td></td>
<td>UREA</td>
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<td>Kharif 2020</td>
<td>45.38</td>
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<td>Rabi 2020-21 (Upto Feb’ 21)</td>
<td>52.90</td>
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<td>TOTAL</td>
<td>98.28</td>
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(d): As per the details available in this department, the details of indigenous production (season-wise) for the financial year 2020-21(upto January, 2021) is as under:-

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<th>Year</th>
<th>Name of the product</th>
<th>Kharif</th>
<th>Rabi</th>
<th>Total</th>
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<td>2020-21</td>
<td>Urea</td>
<td>123.92</td>
<td>85.92</td>
<td>209.84</td>
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<td>DAP</td>
<td>19.17</td>
<td>14.43</td>
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<td>Complex</td>
<td>43.40</td>
<td>35.65</td>
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Sources: mfms.nic.in
(e): The following steps are taken by the Government to meet the demand of Urea/fertilizer in the country:

i. Before the commencement of each cropping season, Department of Agriculture, Cooperation and Farmers Welfare (DAC&FW), in consultation with all the State Governments, assesses the requirement of fertilizers. After assessment of requirement, DAC&FW projects month-wise requirement of fertilizers.

ii. On the basis of month-wise & State-wise projection given by DAC&FW, 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 being 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.

v. Regular Weekly Video Conference is conducted jointly by Department of Agriculture & Cooperation and Farmers Welfare (DAC&FW) and Department of Fertilizers (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 in case of urea, is met through timely imports. In case of P&K fertilizers, the imports come under Open & General license and fertilizer companies import these fertilizers based on their commercial judgments.

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