

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3391 TO BE ANSWERED ON: 05.08.2022

Additional Rakes for Fertilizers

3391. SHRI ANUBHAV MOHANTY:

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

- (a) whether the Government is aware that the peak season for distribution of fertilizers to the farmers is from July to September of every year, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Government is aware of the likely loss to the farmers in case of delayed supply of fertilizers to them, if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has made adequate arrangements for additional railway rakes to move the fertilizers timely across the country, if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) whether the Government has made any specific arrangements in this regard, if so, the details thereof along with the timeline and quantity of the same?

ANSWER

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

(a) & (b): Before the commencement of each cropping season, Department of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare (DA&FW), in consultation with all the State Governments, assesses the requirement of fertilizers. After assessment of requirement, DA&FW projects month-wise requirement of fertilizers. On the basis of month-wise & State-wise projection given by DA&FW, Department of Fertilizers allocates sufficient/ adequate quantities of fertilizers to States by issuing monthly supply plan and continuously monitors the availability. Further, the availability of fertilizers during the ongoing Kharif 2022 season have remained comfortable.

(c): Yes Sir. Highest priority is being given to supply of rakes for fertilizer loading. As and when demands for fertilizer loading are received, the same are met by Ministry of Railways by supplying adequate number of rakes.

(d) The availability of fertilizers during the ongoing Kharif 2022 season have remained comfortable. Further, regular interactions with the state governments, companies and railways have been established through web platforms/control room to address the any urgent demand of fertilizer in the particular state. The stake holders viz., manufacturers, ports, railways have been sensitized to operate on maximum capacity to produce, load, and move the fertilizers to the targeted destinations.
