

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS  
DEPARTMENT OF FERTILIZERS  
LOK SABHA  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 737 TO BE ANSWERED ON: 26.07.2024**

SHORTAGE OF UREA

737: SHRI SUNIL KUMAR:

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

- (a) whether the farmers are facing shortage of urea fertilizer during the paddy sowing season in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the quantity of urea fertilizer proposed to be supplied to the State of Bihar during the paddy season sowing period and the quantity of urea fertilizer supplied so far; and
- (d) the steps being taken to ensure the supply of adequate amount of fertilizers in West Champaran, Bihar?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS  
(SMT. ANUPRIYA PATEL)

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(a) & (b): No. There has been no shortage of Urea fertilizer during the paddy sowing season in the country.

(c): The seasonal requirement of Urea in Bihar for the ongoing Kharif 2024 season as assessed by Department of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare (DA&FW) is 9.87 LMT. The quantity of Urea that has been made available in Bihar during Kharif 2024 season (as on 21.07.2024) is **9.26 LMT**.

(d): Before the commencement of each cropping season, DA&FW assesses the state-wise & month-wise requirement of fertilizers. To fulfil this requirement of fertilizers in the states (including rural tribal and remote areas) across the country, as per assessment done by DA&FW, Department of Fertilizers allocates adequate quantities of fertilizers to States by issuing monthly supply plans. The movement of all major subsidized fertilizers is monitored through web-based monitoring system called integrated Fertilizer Monitoring System (iFMS). Accordingly, the aforementioned steps are taken by D/o Fertilizers to ensure the supply of adequate amount of fertilizers in Bihar. However, the inter/intra-district distribution of fertilizers is done by the respective State Government to meet the field requirement within the state.

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