

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
DEPARTMENT OF FERTILIZERS

LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO.270* TO BE ANSWERED ON: 13.12.2024

Supply of Fertilizers

270*: SHRI KODIKUNNIL SURESH:

- (a) current status of the availability and supply of fertilizers in India particularly in the State of Kerala during the current agricultural season;
- (b) whether there have been any disruptions in the supply chain of fertilizers, and if so, the reasons for such disruptions;
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to ensure a consistent and timely supply of fertilizers to farmers especially during the peak seasons;;
- (d) the total quantity of fertilizers allocated to Kerala in the current fiscal year and the distribution mechanism for ensuring fair access to farmers;
- (e) whether there are any plans to increase the subsidy or introduce new schemes to make fertilizers more affordable for farmers, particularly small-scale farmers, if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) the manner in which the Government is addressing concerns relating to black market practices or hoarding of fertilizers and the measures that are in place to prevent such activities?

ANSWER

MINISTER FOR CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS AND HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE

(SHRI JAGAT PRAKASH NADDA)

(a) to (f): A statement is laid on the table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 270* FOR 13.12.2024 REGARDING "SUPPLY OF FERTILIZERS" TABLED BY SHRI KODIKUNNIL SURESH.

(a) to (d): The details of requirement, availability, sales and closing stock of Urea, DAP, MOP and NPK in the country, including the state of Kerala, during Kharif 2024 and Rabi 2024-25, is placed at **Annexure-I**.

Department of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare (DA&FW) assesses the requirement for major fertilizers viz. UREA, DAP, MOP and NPKS fertilizers, before each cropping season (viz. Kharif & Rabi) through "Zonal Conference for Agricultural Inputs". Based on the assessment done by DA&FW, Department of Fertilizers allocates adequate quantities of fertilizers to States by issuing monthly supply plan and continuously monitors the availability position. These supplies are met through indigenous production as well as imports.

(e): Under Urea Subsidy Scheme, Urea is provided to the farmers at a statutorily notified Maximum Retail Price (MRP) irrespective of the cost of production. The subsidized MRP of 45 Kg bag of urea is Rs. 266.50. Further, under Nutrient Based Subsidy (NBS) scheme, the MRP of Phosphatic & Potassic (P&K) fertilizers is decontrolled and fixed by fertilizer companies as per market dynamics at reasonable level which is monitored by the Government. The details of MRP of major NPK grades, DAP and MOP from 2022-23 to 2024-25 is placed at **Annexure-II**. Accordingly, fertilizers are made available to farmers at affordable prices.

(f): Fertilizers are declared as an essential commodity under the Essential Commodities (EC) Act, 1955 and notified under Fertilizer Control Order, 1985. State Governments are empowered to take action against persons involved in black-marketing, hoarding and smuggling as per provisions of EC Act. Any complaint received at Department of Fertilizers level regarding black marketing/hoarding of fertilizers is sent to concerned State Government to take appropriate action under Essential Commodities Act, 1955 and Fertilizer Control Order, 1985.

ALL INDIA FERTILIZER POSITION

I. RABI 2024-25 (01.10.2024 to 09.12.2024)

<QTY IN LMT>

| S.N O | PRODUC T GROUP | SEASONAL REQUIREMEN T | PRO- RATA REQUIREMEN T TILL 09.12.2024 | AVAILABILIT Y TILL 09.12.2024 | DBT SALES TILL 09.12.202 4 | CLOSING STOCK TILL 09.12.20 24 |
|------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------------|---|--|---|---|
| 1 | UREA | 186.89 | 89.37 | 133.97 | 73.52 | 60.45 |
| 2 | DAP | 52.05 | 36.91 | 40.47 | 31.77 | 8.70 |
| 3 | MOP | 11.95 | 6.24 | 14.22 | 5.77 | 8.45 |
| 4 | NPKS | 77.10 | 41.09 | 60.74 | 37.03 | 23.71 |

* Primary Indicator of comfortable availability: Availability > Requirement

** Secondary Indicator of comfortable availability: Availability > Sales

II. KERALA FERTILIZERS POSITION FOR RABI 2024-25 (01.10.2024 to 09.12.2024)

<QTY IN '000' MT>

| S.NO | PRODUCT GROUP | SEASONAL REQUIREMENT | PRO- RATA REQUIREMENT TILL 09.12.2024 | AVAILABILITY TILL 09.12.2024 | DBT SALES TILL 09.12.2024 | CLOSING STOCK TILL 09.12.2024 |
|-------------|--------------------------|---------------------------------|--|---|--|--|
| 1 | UREA | 57.00 | 29.00 | 47.00 | 33.00 | 14.00 |
| 2 | DAP | 7.00 | 3.00 | 8.00 | 6.00 | 2.00 |
| 3 | MOP | 40.00 | 21.00 | 49.00 | 25.00 | 24.00 |
| 4 | NPKS | 60.00 | 29.00 | 57.00 | 39.00 | 18.00 |

* Primary Indicator of comfortable availability: Availability > Requirement

** Secondary Indicator of comfortable availability: Availability > Sales

ALL INDIA FERTILIZERS POSITION

I. KHARIF 2024

<QTY IN LMT>

| S.NO | PRODUCT GROUP | SEASONAL REQUIREMENT | AVAILABILITY | DBT SALES | CLOSING STOCK |
|---|---------------|----------------------|--------------|-----------|---------------|
| 1 | UREA | 177.12 | 252.10 | 189.12 | 63.02 |
| 2 | DAP | 59.87 | 58.08 | 46.12 | 12.23 |
| 3 | MOP | 10.26 | 16.60 | 9.27 | 7.33 |
| 4 | NPKS | 74.19 | 111.66 | 75.46 | 35.94 |
| * Primary Indicator of comfortable availability: Availability > Requirement | | | | | |
| ** Secondary Indicator of comfortable availability: Availability > Sales | | | | | |

II. KERALA FERTILIZERS POSITION FOR KHARIF 2024

<QTY IN '000' MT>

| S.NO | PRODUCT GROUP | SEASONAL REQUIREMENT | AVAILABILITY | DBT SALES | CLOSING STOCK |
|---|---------------|----------------------|--------------|-----------|---------------|
| 1 | UREA | 54.00 | 73.00 | 52.00 | 21.00 |
| 2 | DAP | 10.00 | 13.00 | 10.00 | 3.00 |
| 3 | MOP | 42.00 | 50.00 | 38.00 | 12.00 |
| 4 | NPKS | 77.00 | 96.00 | 61.00 | 35.00 |
| * Primary Indicator of comfortable availability: Availability > Requirement | | | | | |
| ** Secondary Indicator of comfortable availability: Availability > Sales | | | | | |

**Product -Wise Average MRP(Rs./Bag) from 2022-23 to 2024-25 as
on October-24**

| Product Name | 2022-23 | 2023-24 | 2024-25 |
|---------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| 10-26-26 | 1488.04 | 1469.75 | 1494.77 |
| 12-32-16 | 1578.12 | 1493.26 | 1470.00 |
| 20-20-0-13 | 1402.28 | 1263.78 | 1262.65 |
| DAP | 1347.00 | 1349.99 | 1350.00 |
| MOP | 1707.38 | 1699.39 | 1579.20 |
