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Availability of DAP

1051. THIRU DR. S JAGATHRATCHAKAN:

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

- (a) the initiatives undertaken by the Government to address the impact of rising global prices of phosphatic fertilisers on agricultural production and farmer welfare in Tamil Nadu;
- (b) the measures implemented by the Government to ensure adequate availability of Diammonium Phosphate (DAP) during the rabi season, including arrangements relating to procurement, distribution and inventory management,
- (c) the efforts made by the Government to support fertiliser availability through special assistance mechanisms, import arrangements and other interventions aimed at addressing supply-side challenges;
- (d) the coordination established by the Government with domestic fertiliser manufacturers, international suppliers and other stakeholders to ensure uninterrupted availability of phosphatic fertilisers in the State; and
- (e) the progress achieved by the Government in maintaining stable prices, ensuring adequate supply and supporting farmers cultivating wheat, potatoes and other fertiliser-dependent crops in Tamil Nadu?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS

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(a) to (e): In case of Phosphatic and Potassic (P&K) fertilizers, Government has implemented Nutrient Based Subsidy (NBS) Policy w.e.f. 01.04.2010. Under NBS policy, MRP of P&K fertilizers is decontrolled and companies are free to fix MRP as per their business dynamics at a reasonable level. The Government monitors international prices of key fertilizers and raw materials and fluctuations, if any, are subsumed while fixing NBS rates for P&K fertilizers annually / bi-annually to ensure

affordable supply of P&K fertilizers to the farmers. Relevant factors like requirement of nutrients in the country, balanced use of fertilizers, subsidy burden and MRP of fertilizers are taken into account while recommending the subsidy rates for different nutrients. The NBS scheme is implemented uniformly on pan-India basis including the State of Tamil Nadu and no regional differentiation is made.

Further, to make DAP which is a key fertilizer, available at affordable price of Rs. 1350 per 50 kg bag, special provisions like Rs. 3500 per MT to cover 'Other Costs' which includes costs incurred from factory gate to farm gate, advantage / disadvantage due to increase / decrease in international prices, provision for GST component included in the MRP and provision for reasonable return @ 4% of net MRP (MRP-GST) have been extended to both imported and domestic DAP and imported TSP over and above NBS subsidy for Kharif & Rabi 2025-26 and Kharif 2026 seasons.

For Kharif, 2026, under NBS Scheme, the Government has approved Rs. 41,533.81 Cr as subsidy to ensure availability of P&K fertilizers which is approximate Rs. 3581 crore more than the budgetary requirement for Rabi 2025-26 season.

To ensure timely and adequate supply of fertilizers in the country, before the commencement of each cropping season, Department of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare (DA&FW), in consultation with all the State Governments, assesses the state-wise & month-wise requirement of fertilizers. On the basis of requirement projected, Department of Fertilizers allocates sufficient/ adequate quantities of fertilizers to States by issuing monthly supply plan and continuously monitors the availability. The movement of all major subsidized fertilizers is monitored throughout the country by an on-line web-based monitoring system called integrated Fertilizer Monitoring System (iFMS). Regular Weekly Video Conference is conducted jointly by DA&FW and D/o Fertilizers with State Agriculture Officials and corrective actions are taken to dispatch fertilizers as indicated by the State Governments.

The Department of Agriculture, Tamil Nadu, closely monitor fertilizer availability and movement across districts and maintains regular coordination with fertilizer companies and distribution agencies to ensure that adequate stocks are available at both cooperative and private retail outlets. These measures have enabled farmers to obtain the required fertilizers in time for seasonal agricultural operations.

The Department of Agriculture, Tamil Nadu, maintains close and continuous coordination, with the Department of Fertilizers, Government of India, major fertilizer manufacturers and importers, cooperative institutions such as Tamil Nadu Cooperative Marketing Federation (TANFED) and Thanjavur Cooperative Marketing Federation (TCMF), and district-level enforcement officials to monitor fertilizer allocation, dispatch, stock position and availability across the State.

Periodic review meetings are conducted to assess supply performance, monitor the movement of fertilizers, and address issues relating to production, import, transportation and distribution. Wherever shortfalls or delays are noticed, the concerned fertilizer companies are instructed to augment supplies and furnish reasons for the shortfall, ensuring timely availability of fertilizers to meet the requirements of farmers across the State.

The availability of DAP has remained adequate in the State of Tamil Nadu during Rabi 2025-26 and the ongoing Kharif 2026 season (from 01.04.2026 to 19.07.2026). The information regarding requirement, availability, sales and closing stock of DAP in Tamil Nadu during these two periods is as under:

Requirement, availability & sales of DAP in Tamil Nadu during Rabi 2025-26 and Kharif 2026 (in MT)					
S. No.	Season	Requirement	Availability	Sales	Closing Stock
1.	Kharif 2026 (01.04.2026 to 19.07.2026)	73806	97850	54870	42960
2.	Rabi 2025-26	155000	216400	159800	56600

Under the NBS Scheme, P&K fertilizers are covered under Open General License (OGL) and companies are free to import/manufacture these fertilizers as per their business dynamics. However, to strengthen the fertilizer supply chain, the Government facilitates long-term agreements between Indian fertilizer companies and overseas suppliers for the import of fertilizers. In this regard, Long Term Agreements (LTA) have been finalized between Indian fertilizer companies and Saudi Arabian companies for the annual supply of about 31 LMT of DAP to India. Similarly, Indian fertilizer companies have entered into agreements with Russian suppliers for the import of about 26.50 LMT of DAP/NPK fertilizers in this year.

As the State of Tamil Nadu does not cultivate wheat and potato on a significant scale, unlike several northern States, the availability of phosphatic fertilisers has primarily supported the cultivation of major crops such as paddy, maize, sugarcane, cotton, pulses, oilseeds and horticultural crops, where phosphorus plays a vital role in improving crop growth and productivity.
