

Seventeenth Loksabha

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Title : Regarding fertilizer shortage in Uttar Pradesh and Bihar

SHRI SHYAM SINGH YADAV (JAUNPUR): Sir, I want to draw the attention of the Government towards the crippling crisis of DAP, NKP and urea which are essential for ongoing Rabi crop season particularly in Uttar Pradesh and Bihar.

Farmers are standing in long queues waiting for hours and even days at Government run fertiliser centres. Farmers are procuring fertilisers at elevated prices in the black market. The shortage is artificial because Government run fertiliser centres run short of the fertiliser supply, while they are available in the open market in plenty. This is leading to delayed sowing and is likely to hit the Rabi crop output. There exists a nexus of traders and Government officials for fertiliser shortage.

Many farmers are in huge debt and several farmers have committed suicide as they could not get fertilisers in time.

I would like to know the specific details as to how the Government has acted against black marketing of fertilisers and has taken action against dealers and officials.

The number of licenses cancelled, raids conducted and the plan of the Government to meet the urea requirement during the Rabi season and specific plan to ensure that such situation does not arise in future.