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Scarcity and Inadequate Supply of Fertilizers

2599: SHRI DULAL CHANDRA GOSWAMI:

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

- (a) the initiative taken by the Government to deal with the problem of scarcity and inadequate supply of fertilizers being faced by the farmers during the last three years, year and State-wise particularly Bihar; and
- (b) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to improve the present supply chain and distribution system of fertilizers for the convenience of the farmers in the country?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS

(SHRI BHAGWANTH KHUBA)

(a): The availability of fertilizers has remained comfortable across all the states including the state of Bihar during the last 3 years. However, following steps are taken by the Government every season to meet the adequate and timely requirement of fertilizers in the country including Bihar:

- i. 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.
- ii. 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.
- iii. 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);
- iv. The State Governments are regularly advised to coordinate with manufacturers and importers of fertilizers for streamlining the supplies.

- v. Regular Weekly Video Conference is conducted jointly by DA&FW and DoF with State Agriculture Officials and corrective actions are taken to dispatch fertilizers as indicated by the State Governments.
 - vi. The gap between demand (requirement) and production of fertilizers is met through imports. The import for the season is also finalized well in advance to ensure timely availability.
- (b): Department of Fertilizers has a robust supply chain and distribution system of fertilizers to ensure timely availability of fertilizers across all the states and UTs in the country. However, distribution of fertilizers in the districts within the states and UTs is the mandate of respective state governments.
