

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
DEPARTMENT OF FERTILIZERS
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 339 TO BE ANSWERED ON: 21.07.2023

Shortage of Di-ammonium Phosphate (DAP)

**339: SHRI. VELUSAMY P:
SHRI RAMESH CHANDRA MAJHI:**

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

- (a) whether the Government has received any report of shortage of Urea fertilizers and non-urea based Di-Ammonium Phosphate (DAP) in the country compelling farmers to purchase them at exorbitant prices;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to ensure supply of fertilizers to the farmers at reasonable fixed price;
- (c) whether the Government has any plan to invite foreign fertilizer manufacturers to install plants in India with local collaboration;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons there for?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
(SHRI BHAGWANTH KHUBA)

(a): The availability of chemical fertilizers (Urea, DAP, NPK & NPK) in India has remained comfortable during the ongoing Kharif 2023 season.

(b): Urea is provided to the farmers at a statutorily notified Maximum Retail Price (MRP). The MRP of 45 kg bag of urea is Rs.242 per bag (exclusive of charges towards neem coating and taxes as applicable). The difference between the delivered cost of urea at farm gate and net market realization by the urea units is given as subsidy to the urea manufacturer/importer by the Government of India. Accordingly, all farmers are being supplied urea at the subsidized rates.

Further, Government of India has laid down reasonable guidelines for P&K fertilizers which ensure that P&K fertilizers are available at reasonable prices to farmers.

(c) to (e) : No, there is no such proposal.
