

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS  
DEPARTMENT OF FERTILIZERS

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**UN-STARRED QUESTION NO. 902 TO BE ANSWERED ON: 26.07.2024**

AVAILABILITY OF UREA AND OTHER FERTILIZERS

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

- (a) the current status of the availability of urea and other fertilizers across the State of Tamil Nadu particularly in rural and remote areas;
- (b) whether the Government has taken/proposes to take any steps to control hike in price of urea and other fertilizers;
- (c) if so, the details thereof along with the factors contributing to the said price hike; and
- (d) the mechanism put in place to ensure sufficient and timely supply of urea and other fertilizers to meet the demands of farmers, especially during peak agricultural seasons in the country?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS

(SMT. ANUPRIYA PATEL)

(a): The availability of Urea and other fertilizers in the state of Tamil Nadu during the ongoing Kharif 2024 season (as on 21.07.2024) has been comfortable as per the table given below:

<b>POSITION OF FERTILIZERS IN TAMIL NADU DURING KHARIF 2024</b>						
<b>S. No.</b>	<b>Product</b>	<b>Seasonal Requirement for KHARIF 2024</b>	<b>Pro-rata Requirement From 01/04/2024 to 21/07/2024</b>	<b>Availability From 01/04/2024 to 21/07/2024</b>	<b>Cumulative DBT Sales From 01/04/2024 to 21/07/2024</b>	<b>Fig. in LMT</b>
						<b>Closing Stock as on 21/07/2024</b>
1	UREA	4.91	2.60	4.73	2.73	2.00
2	DAP	1.40	0.79	0.98	0.54	0.44
3	MOP	1.04	0.59	0.77	0.40	0.37
4	NPKS	4.54	2.53	4.26	1.96	2.30

Further, the mandate of Department of Fertilizers is to ensure comfortable availability of fertilizers at state level. However, the distribution of fertilizers within the State, particularly in the rural and remote areas of the state, comes under the purview of respective State governments.

(b) & (c) 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). Besides, 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. Accordingly, all farmers are being supplied fertilizers at the subsidized rates.

(d): The following steps are taken by the Government every season for ensuring timely and adequate supply of Urea and other fertilizers to meet the demands of farmers, especially during peak agricultural seasons in the country:

- 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. 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.
- v. 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.

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