

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1217  
ANSWERED ON:25.02.2003  
DEMAND AND PRODUCTION OF FERTILIZERS  
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**Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:**

- (a) the number of fertilizer projects started and the extent to which production capacity augmented in the ongoing projects in view of increasing demand of fertilizers in the country alongwith project-wise capacity augmentation details for the last three years, year-wise;
- (b) whether the farmers have to purchase fertilizers at higher cost through black marketing during the process of growing crops due to shortage of fertilizers;
- (c) if so, the measures prescribed by the Government to deal with such situation;
- (d) whether the Government have assessed the total requirement of fertilizers in the country for the next three years and anticipated requirement during the said period, year-wise; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (DR. CHHATTRA PAL SINGH)

(a) : The details of major fertilizer projects completed during the last three years and those under implementation at present to augment the production capacity of fertilizers are given in the enclosed Annexure.

(b) : No, Sir.

(c) : Question does not arise.

(d) & (e) : The requirement of major fertilizers namely, urea, DAP and MOP is assessed for each State/Union Territory for each crop season of Kharif and Rabi before the commencement of the season. The assessed requirement of urea, DAP and MOP for the country for Kharif 2003 season (1st April to 30th September 2003) has been as under :

(lakh tonnes)

Urea	106.30
DAP	32.38
MOP	11.23

Assessment of requirement of fertilizers is not made three years in advance. However, the Working Group on Fertilizers for the Tenth Plan has worked out the demand forecast for urea, DAP and MOP for the years 2003-04, 2004-05 and 2005-06 as under :-

(lakh tonnes)

Year	Urea	DAP	MOP
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2003-04	221.18	77.05	22.73
2004-05	228.10	81.87	23.64
2005-06	235.03	86.69	24.55

The demand forecast for urea and DAP, however, seems to be on higher side in view of the current trend of sales of these fertilizers.

Annexure referred to in reply to part (a) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No.1217 for answer on 25.2.2003

## ANNEXURE

### MAJOR FERTILIZER PROJECTS SET UP AND UNDER IMPLEMENTATION DURING THE LAST THREE YEARS

SN Name	Location	Sector	Product	Additional Capacity (in lakh TPA)	Commissioning Already Commissioned	Month/Year of
1 Indo Gulf Corporation Ltd., (new project)	Dahej, Gujarat	Private	DAP	4.00		October 2000
2 Coromandel Fertilizers Ltd., (NPK expansion project)	Vyzag, A.P	Private	NPK	1.25		July 2000
3 National Fertilizers Ltd. (NFL) (urea plant expansion project),	Nangal, Punjab	Public	Urea	1.48		February 2001
4 Oswal Chemicals & Fertilizers Ltd. (New)	Paradeep, Orissa	Private	DAP	15.00		April 2001
			NPK	3.20		
			NP	1.00		
5 Godavari Fertilizers & Chemicals Ltd. (GFCL)	Kakinada, A.P.	Jt. Sector	DAP	2.8		Sept. 2001

#### Under Implementation

1 Gujarat State Fertilizers & Chemicals Ltd., (DAP Expansion Project) Sikka, Gujarat | Jt. Sector | DAP | 3.96 |  | Under trial since June 2002 commissioning |

2 Revamp of Namrup Plants of Brahmaputra Valley Fertilizer Corporation (BVFC) Namrup, Assam | Public Sector | Urea | 3.80 |  | Units III & I commissioned in March, 2002. Unit II is expected to be commissioned by August 2003. |

3 Oman India Fertilizer Project Oman | Joint venture | Urea | 16.52 |  | July, 2005 |