

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1032
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SALE OF FERTILIZERS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the sale of fertilizers had fallen considerably during the Kharif season due to severe drought experienced in several parts of the country and as a result the agricultural production too is likely to decline; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a)&(b): The sale of major fertilizers in the country viz Urea, Di-AmmoniumPhosphate(DAP) and Muriate of Potash (MOP) were lower by approximately 6%, 20% and 15% respectively in Kharif 2002 over the Kharif, 2001 due to drought in several parts of the country. As per the first advance Estimates the production of foodgrains is placed at 90.64 million tons during Kharif 2002 against 111.51 million tonnes during Kharif 2001.