

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

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SHORTAGE OF FERTILIZERS

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

- (a) the capacity of fertilizer plants in the country at present;
- (b) whether there was shortage of fertilizers in the country;
- (c) if so, the details of the fertilizers in short supply;
- (d) the demand and indigenous production of these fertilizers;
- (e) the reasons of the shortfall ; and
- (f) the steps taken/proposed to be taken to improve the situation?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS AND MINISTER OF STEEL(SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN)

(a) Product-wise production capacity of fertilizers plants in the country at present is as below:-

(lakh MT)

Name of the product	Installed capacity
Urea	205.12 (194.60 operational capacity )

DAP	72.99
Complexes	50.98
SSP	58.99
Others	17.43

(b) There has been no shortage in the recent past.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) Demand and indigenous production of fertilizers during 2004-05 is given below:- (lakh MT)

Name of fertilizers	Demand	Actual Production
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Urea	214.08	202.63
DAP	70.60	51.84
Complexes	63.42	53.61
SSP	33.86	23.87
Others	12.23	8.76

(e) Production of all fertilizers was highest so far during the year 2004-05.

(f) The Department has asked the Urea manufacturing units to produce beyond their installed capacities by increasing their stream days, postponing turn around etc. About 3.5 lakh MT of additional Urea is estimated to be produced in the season. In addition imports

from OMIFCO, a joint venture company set up in Sur, Oman, by Oman Oil Company & IFFCO/KRIBHCO with an annual capacity of 16.52 lakh MT/ per annum have also commenced, thereby augmenting availability. Further, the Department has also tied up with canalizing agents i.e. IPL & MMTC to import adequate quantity of DAP to augment supplies. It is expected that these measures would be sufficient to meet the requirement of fertilizers for the current Kharif season.