

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

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AVAILABILITY OF FERTILISERS

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

- (a) the present status of the availability of fertilizers;
- (b) whether the Government has prepared any scheme to provide all fertilizers as per demand in all States before the next monsoon;
- (c) if so, whether any amendment has been made in the said scheme;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the remedial measures taken by the Government?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS AND MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI B.K. HANDIQUE)

(a): The availability of Urea, DAP & MOP during current Rabi 2007-08 season upto 31st January, 2008 have been adequate to meet the assessed requirement and to sustain sales as per Annexure I, II & III respectively.

(b) to (e): The following steps have been taken for boosting the indigenous production. The Government has approved the New Pricing Scheme (NPS) Stage III on 1.02.2007 to be implemented with effect from 1.10.2006. Under the NPS III, the movement of urea will be monitored throughout the country by an online web based monitoring system. The subsidy on urea will be paid only when urea reaches the district. Further, the Department will operate a buffer stock through the State Institutional Agencies/fertilizer companies in major consuming states up to a limit of 5% of the seasonal requirement. The gap between requirement and indigenous availability of urea is met through imports.

As far as decontrolled Phosphatic and Potassic fertilizers are concerned, subsidy is released on sale of fertilizers. The responsibility of meeting the full requirement of decontrolled fertilizers in any state is with the concerned state governments. State governments have been advised to identify at least one State Institutional Agency, which would deal with the required quantities of decontrolled fertilizers. Buffer stocking of decontrolled fertilizers by the Government of India would be made only to meet any emergent requirement.

To ensure availability of urea in all parts of the country, the freight reimbursement to urea units will now be on actual rail and road leads.