

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) whether the target fixed for production of fertilizers has been achieved by all the fertiliser units in the country during the year 2008-09;
- (b) if not, the reasons for shortfall; and
- (c) the step being taken by the Government to achieve the target ?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (b) Production of urea during the year 2008-09 (April 08-January 09) has been 166.77 LMT as against production target and working installed capacity of 170.83 LMT and 159.00 LMT respectively. The production of DAP during the same period is 26.11 LMT against production target & working installed capacity of 38.90 LMT and 56.87 LMT respectively. Similarly production of HPK (Complex fertilizer) during the period was 61.97 LMT against the production target & working installed capacity of 65.10 LMT & 33.51 LMT respectively. The decline in production DAP and NPK fertilizers vis-a-vis target/working installed capacity has been on account of temporary shutdown of plants of some of the production units due to technical problems, shortage of gas, liquidity problems and constraints in availability of phos acid, rock phosphate, other inputs and their high prices in the international market.

(c) Department of Fertilizers is having constant interaction with Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas, GAIL and other prospective suppliers of NG/LNG so that gas requirement of the fertilizers industry are met adequately. In case of Phosphatic Fertilizers, the prices of inputs/raw material/intermediates have declined in the international market. The companies are entering into contracts for procuring these inputs. Further, Department of Fertilizer has permitted SPIC-Tuticorin to enter into production and marketing arrangement with MCF- Manga I ore, which will facilitate availability of fertilizers.