

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

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

- (a) whether the required quantity of chemical fertilizers are not being supplied to various States of the country;
- (b) if so, the total requirement of States pending with the Union Government for supply of chemical fertilizers;
- (c) whether there is lack of coordination with other Ministries like Railways and Shipping for timely transportation of fertilizers to States; and
- (d) if so, the steps taken or being taken by the Union Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS (SHRI SRIKANT KUMAR JENA)

(a) to (b): Urea is the only fertilizer which is under partial movement and distribution control of the Government. All other fertilizers viz. DAP, MOP, SSP and NPK etc. are decontrolled/ de-canalized since 1992. The availability of Phosphatic and Potassic fertilizers is decided by the market forces of demand and supply. Union Government monitors availability of fertilisers at State level. State Governments are responsible for distribution of fertilizers within the State.

The State-wise cumulative requirement (demand), availability and sales of major fertilizers like Urea, DAP, MOP and Complex fertilizers during 2009-10 (April'09 to February'10) is annexed. As can be seen, the availability of urea, DAP and MOP has been adequate. There has been a little tightness in availability of complex (NPK) fertilizers because of low level of indigenous production and also as these can not be imported as of now.

(c) to (d): Fertilizers are being dispatched from ports and plants in close coordination with the Ministry of Railways. Ministry of Shipping is providing berthing priority/ousting priority to vessels carrying imported fertilizers, as and when required.