

**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 production demand and supply of various fertilizers in the country during each of the last three years and the current year, Fertilizer-wise and State-wise;
- (b) whether there is a shortage of fertilizers in various States and the farmers are facing hardships and suffering losses due to non-availability and delay in supply of fertilizers;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the steps taken/being taken by the Union Government to provide the fertilizers as per demands/requests of the State Governments and to increase the production and availability of various fertilizers in the country?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (c): 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), and supply (availability) of major fertilizers namely Urea, Di-ammonium Phosphate (DAP), Muriate of Potash (MOP) and Complex (NPK) fertilizers during the year 2006-07, 2007-08, 2008-09 and 2009-10 (upto April'09 to January'10) are at Annexure `A` to `D`. As can be seen, the availability of Urea, DAP and MOP fertilizer has been adequate during the period. However, there is some tightness in availability of NPK fertilizers during 2008-09 and 2009-10 because of limited production and also as these can not be imported. The production figures of Urea, DAP and Complex fertilizers for the year 2006-07, 2007-08, 2008-09 and 2009-10 (upto April'09 to January'10) are at Annexure `E` to `G`.

(d): The steps taken to increase the production and smooth distribution of fertilizers are as under:

(i) The movement of fertilizers is being monitored throughout the country by an on-line web based monitoring system ([www.urvarak.co.in](http://www.urvarak.co.in)) also called as Fertiliser Monitoring System (FMS);

(ii) Department of Fertilizers operates Buffer Stock of Urea, DAP & MOP through State Institutional Agencies/ fertilizer companies in major fertilizer consuming States to the tune of 6.25 LMT, 3.50 LMT and 1.00 LMT respectively;

(iii) The gap between requirement and indigenous production of fertilizers is met through imports; and

(iv) New pricing policy for attracting investment in urea sector has been announced on 4th September, 2008. Further, fertilizer sector has been given highest priority in allocation of gas, for debottlenecking, expansion and revival projects in the country. As a result, it is expected that urea production may increase to 21.70 million tonnes during 2010-11 against estimated production of 20.00 million tonnes during the current year.