

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5139
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DEMAND OF FERTILISERS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether inspite of drought in several districts of the country, the demand for fertilisers has increased;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether due to entry of big business houses in agriculture the demand for such fertilisers has increased;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) the details of DAP sold to small and medium farmers during the last three years;
- (f) whether there are reports of fertilisers being smuggled out of the country; and
- (g) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (PROF. K.V. THOMAS)

(a) & (b): There is a marginal increase in the demand of fertilizers during 2009-10 over 2008-09. Details as follows:-

(In lakh tonnes)
Year Urea DAP MOP Complexes Total

2008-09	281.33	94.83	37.86	92.32	506.34
2009-10	281.89	106.98	43.85	87.73	520.45

(c) & (d): No, Madam.

(e): Details of fertilizers sold to small and medium farmers are not maintained by Central Government.

(f) & (g) A few instances of smuggling of fertilizers have come to the notice. Government has taken appropriate action in such cases.