

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

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

- (a) whether the Union Government proposes to place urea in the category of uncontrolled fertilizer;
- (b) if so, the time by which the decision is likely to be taken in this regard;
- (c) whether sufficient racks are not available for transportation of fertilizers as per the demands of the State Governments;
- (d) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (e) the alternative arrangement is being made by the Union Government in this regard?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): No, Madam.

(c) to (e): Ministry of Railways has been providing sufficient number of rakes for transportation of fertilizers throughout the country. As a result, adequate availability of fertilizers during the year 2009-

10 has been maintained which is as under:

(Qty. in lakh metric tonnes)
Product 2009-10 Requirement Availability Sales

Urea	281.90	265.97	264.48
DAP	106.98	104.09	103.92
MOP	43.85	47.60	46.74
Complex	87.73	83.38	82.03

Supply (availability) of fertilizers is a function of sales. The fertilizer companies move the fertilizers to a particular State depending on the sales of these fertilizers. Department of Fertilizers is continuously monitoring the availability of fertilizers at State level to ensure that availability of fertilizers match with the assessed requirement.