

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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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 Government is facing problems for catering and transportation of urea fertilizer from Kandla port which is lying idle presently;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the measures being taken by the Government in this regard?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (c): Rashtriya Chemicals and Fertilizers Limited (RCF) is the handling agent for imported urea at Kandla port. About 74,631.05 MT of urea was available in Kandla port in RCF's account as on 1st July, 2010. During the month of July '10 fresh stocks of 79,652.10 MT of urea were received at Kandla port in RCF account aggregating the stocks to 1,54,283.15 MT including opening balance. During the month of July, 10 the priority was given to dispatches of DAP and MOP from Kandla port as DAP being the basal dose was urgently required for the crops in the ongoing Kharif season. Only 47,960.80 MT of Urea could be dispatched to various states. Due to limited warehousing space available in the port, the urea stored in the open got solidified due to rains and because of its hygroscopic nature. Even though the urea has become solidified in Kandla and Gandhidham in RCF account, it has not lost nutrient value. Later on this urea was shifted to Gandhidham godowns. Out of the available stock, 36,752.60 MT of Urea has been moved to various states after converting it into free flowing form during the period from 1st to 24th August, 2010. About 69,569.45 MT of urea is still available in RCF account as on 24th August, 2010. RCF is making all efforts to move one rake load (equivalent to about 2,700 MT) per day, as it is taking lot of time for converting the lumpy urea into free flowing urea.