

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) whether fertilizer stocks gain momentum ahead of rains in some States;
- (b) if so, the details thereof State-wise especially in Andhra Pradesh; and
- (c) the present position in comparison to the last three years, State-wise especially in Andhra Pradesh?

Answer

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

(a) to (c): Urea is the only fertilizer under partial movement, distribution and statutory price control of Government of India. It is imported for direct agriculture use on Government account through State Trading Enterprises (STEs) i.e. MMTC, STC and IPL. The gap between the assessed requirement and indigenous production of Urea is met through imports. All other fertilizers viz. DAP, MOP, SSP and NPK etc. are decontrolled/ de-canalized since 1992 and are imported under Open General Licence (OGL). The companies import these fertilizers as per the requirement projected by Department of Agriculture & Cooperation. Government is paying subsidy on these fertilizers under Nutrient Based Subsidy policy. Union Government monitors availability of fertilizers at State level and State Governments are responsible for further distribution within the State.

The State-wise requirement (demand), availability and sales of fertilizers including Andhra Pradesh during the years 2007-08 to 2010-11 (April to July) is Annexed at `A` to `D`: As can be seen, supply (availability) of Urea, DAP, MOP and NPK in all States including Andhra Pradesh during current Kharif 10 (April '10 to July '10) has been adequate.