

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

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

- (a) whether sufficient rakes are not available for the transportation of fertilizer according to the demand of the States;
- (b) if so, whether the Union Government is making some other arrangements in this regard;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor ?

Answer

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

(a) to (d): The Department of Fertilizers regularly interacts with Ministry of Railways for provision of rakes at all ports/plants. Ministry of Railway has been providing adequate number of rakes for transportation of fertilizers to the States. The cumulative requirement (demand), availability and sales of Urea, DAP, MOP and Complex (NPK) fertilizers in the country during the year 2010-11 (April 10 to October,10) is as under:

Qty. in lakh metric tonnes)

Production	2010-11 (April`10 to October`10)	Requirement (demand)	Availability#	Sales#
Urea	161.21	159.62	156.11	
DAP	87.19	85.08	81.70	
MOP	28.24	25.01	23.20	
Complexes (NPK)	58.60	76.64	65.48	

#Includes stock pre-positioned.

AS can be seen from above that sufficient quantities of fertilizers have been made available during the year.