

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

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

- (a) whether the Government has decided to increase the storage of fertilizers in the country during the current financial year;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and
- (c) the total amount likely to be spend thereon?

Answer

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

(a) to (c): A buffer stock of 6.25 LMT of Urea against the requirement of nearly 290 LMT is maintained during lean season in major Urea consuming states like Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Rajasthan, Haryana, Punjab, Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Jammu & Kashmir, Orissa and West Bengal. Many State Governments also maintain buffer stocks of various subsidized fertilizers through their State level agencies like Markfed etc. 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 to bridge the gap between the assessed requirement and indigenous production of Urea. All other fertilizers like DAP, MOP and NPK 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.