GOVERNMENT OF INDIA CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3804 ANSWERED ON:02.12.2010 ALLOCATION OF FERTILIZERS Meghwal Shri Arjun Ram

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

(a) whether the sufficient quantity of chemical fertilizers have not been allocated to the States for rabi crops;

(b) if so, whether the Government has received some complaints in this regard;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government has made any arrangements to inform the representatives of people after disposal of such complaints;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

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

(a) to (f):The season-wise demand of major fertilizers like Urea, DAP, MOP & NPK is assessed by Department of Agriculture & Cooperation (DAC) in consultation with the officers of State Agriculture department, fertilizer suppliers and Fertiliser Association of India (FAI). Urea is the only fertilizer which is under partial movement and distribution control of the Government. Union Government ensures availability of urea as per assessed monthly requirement at State level. State Governments are responsible for its distribution within the State. All other fertilizers viz. DAP, MOP, SSP and NPK etc. are decontrolled/ de-canalized since 1992. The availability of Phosphatic and Potassic fertilizers is decided by the market forces of demand and supply.

Department of Agriculture Cooperation (DAC) has assessed the requirement of Urea, DAP, MOP and Complex fertilizer for Rabi 2010-11 (from 1st October, 2010 to 31st March, 2011) as 154.14 LMT, 52.17 LMT, 24.82 LMT and 43.31 LMT respectively. The opening stock of fertilizer as on 1st October 2010, stock pre-positioned, indigenous production, expected imports and estimated availability of Urea, DAP, MOP and Complex Fertilizer during Rabi 2010-11 is shown in table given below:

Estimated Availability of Fertilizers during Rabi 2010-11

FG Requi- Opening Stock Indig- Expected Expected rement Stock as Pre- enous Imports Availaon 01.10.10# Posit- Prod- bility ioned uction
UREA 154.14 5.11 108.55 45.00 158.66

DAP 52.17 11.36 5.56 18.53 24.98 60.43 MOP 24.82 5.78 0.00 19.67 25.45 NPK 43.31 3.43 5.01 47.49 6.05 61.98

includes port stock.

As can be seen, the availability of all subsidized fertilizers during Rabi`10-11 would be comfortable.

The cumulative requirement, availability and sales of Urea, DAP, MOP and Complex Fertilizer during the year 2010-11(April 2010 to October, 2010) is at Annexure `A`. It is evident from the Annexure that availability of all the fertilizers during the year upto October has been comfortable. No major complaints of shortages of short supply of fertilizers received from any State.