

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

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IMPORT OF DAP FERTILIZERS  
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**Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Union Government has decided to allow the State Governments to import the DAP fertilizers directly;
- (b) if so, whether the Union Government will take note of inconvenience being faced by the States in arranging huge funds for this purpose;
- (c) if so, whether the Union Government is contemplating to implement earlier arrangement for ensuring availability of fertilizers on time; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (d): Urea is the only fertilizer which is under partial movement and distribution control of the Government. 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. The State Governments were advised during the years 2007-08, 2008-09 and 2009-10 for direct import of decontrolled fertilizers like DAP & MOP and to claim subsidy from Department of Fertilizers for pre-positioning and its distribution to farmers at the time of need for extra comfort. Only Government of Andhra Pradesh imported 1.00 lakh MT of DAP through M/s Indian Potash Limited and claimed subsidy for the same from Department of Fertilizers. The Department of Fertilizers is making continues efforts to ensure availability of all subsidized fertilizers at the State level as per the assessed requirement of the States. The cumulative requirement, availability and sales of Urea, DAP, MOP & NPK (complex) fertilizers during the years 2008-09, 2009- 10 and 2010-11 (April`10 to October`10) is at Annexure at `A`, `B` and `C`. As can be seen, the availability of all the fertilizers is adequate in the country.