

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

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

- (a) whether the Chemical and fertilizers are not being supplied in required quantity to various States of the country;
- (b) if so, since what time the supply of total quantity of chemical and fertilizers of States is pending with the Union Governments;
- (c) whether there is a lack of co-ordination between Railways and other Ministries like Ministry of Shipping for the transportation of fertilizers to States; and
- (d) if so, the steps taken or being taken by the Union Government in this regard?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): 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 decontrolled fertilizers is decided by the market forces of demand and supply. Union Government monitors availability of fertilizers at State level and State Governments are responsible for its tie-up with the manufacturers & importers and further distribution within the State. State-wise cumulative requirement (demand), availability and sale of Urea, DAP, MOP & Complexes (NPK) during 2010-11 (April '10 to October '10) is at Annexure 'A'. As can be seen that the availability of fertilizers has been adequate.

(c) & (d): No, Madam. The Department of Fertilizers regularly interacts with Ministry of Railways for provision of rakes at all ports/plants. Ministry of Railways has been providing adequate number of railway rakes. Ministry of Shipping has been according priority for berthing of two vessels at a time at all major ports as per request of Department of Fertilizers.