

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:74

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ALLOCATION OF FERTILIZERS TO STATES

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

- (a) the production, demand and supply of various fertilizers in the country during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise and fertilizer-wise;
- (b) whether there is shortage of fertilizers in the country;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the Union Government has allocated less quantity of fertilizers to various States for the current season than the demands/requests made by the State Governments;
- (e) if so, the details thereof alongwith the reasons therefor, State/Union Territory- wise;
- (f) whether the Union Government proposes to increase the allocation of fertilizers to the States; and
- (g) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS (SHRI SRIKANT KUMAR JENA)

(a) to (g): A statement is laid on the table of the House.

Statement referred to in reply to parts (a) to (g) of the Lok Sabha Starred Question No. 74 to be answered on 4.8.2011.

(a) to (c): The State-wise production of Urea, DAP & NPK fertilizers are annexed at 'A' to 'C'. State-wise demand (Requirement) and supply (Availability) of major fertilizers namely Urea, DAP, MOP and Complex fertilizers during the last three years and current year i.e. 2008-09, 2009-10, 2010-11 and 2011-12 (April'11 to June'11) are annexed at 'D' to 'G' respectively.

Availability of Urea and phosphatic fertilizers (DAP/NPK) during the current Kharif 2011 (April'11 to June'11) has been comfortable throughout the country. There is tightness in availability of Muriate of Potash (MOP) during current year. There is no economically viable source of Potash in the country. As such the entire demand of MOP is met through imports. During the current year, contracting for import of MOP could not materialize due to substantial increase of prices in the International market. The suppliers of MOP are demanding approx. US\$ 530 PMT, as against US\$ 470 PMT CFR finalized with China for the second and third quarter of the current year. Canpotex, Canada has indicated the willingness to supply of MOP at US\$ 470 PMT to India for second and third quarter of the current year provided India agrees for US\$ 530 PMT for the last quarter of the year 2011-12. Indian importers are negotiating the price of MOP with the foreign suppliers.

(d) to (g): The requirement, supply (availability) of Urea, phosphatic fertilizers (DAP/NPK) and MOP for current year i.e. 2011-12 (April'11 to June'11) for all States/Union Territory are annexed at 'G'. As can be seen from the Annexure 'G' that the availability of phosphatic fertilizers (DAP/NPK) and Urea is comfortable. There may be some stress in fertilizer availability in case of smaller States/Union Territories because of non availability of adequate warehouse capacity. As a result of this, the States lift fertilizer as and when required. The position regarding MOP has already been explained.