

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

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

- (a) whether India is headed for shortfall of around three million tonnes of urea which will impact rabi crops unless urgent imports are contracted;
- (b) if so, whether India's fertilizer requirement for the on-going rabi season is likely to increase by 1.5 MT to 27.4 MT over the last year's winter crop season;
- (c) if so, the reasons therefor and the comparative details during the last five years, State-wise;
- (d) the demands pending from the States in this regard; and
- (e) the reaction of the Government thereon?

Answer

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

(a) to (c): Urea is the only fertilizer under statutory price control and it is imported for direct agriculture use on Government account to bridge the gap between assessed demand and indigenous production. A statement showing the assessed requirement and availability in the country from the period 2006-07 to 2010-11 are given below:

(Figures in lakh metric tonnes)

Year Assessed Requirement Availability

2006-07 249.46 254.79

2007-08 271.70 274.26

2008-09 281.33 270.88

2009-10 281.89 265.97

2010-11 290.79 284.62

Rabi 2011-12 season (October - March)

Fertiliser Grade	Estimated Requirement	Estimated Indigenous production	Estimated Imports	Total
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Urea	142.16	112.79	45.00	157.79
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As can be seen from the table above, the availability of urea during last five years has been adequate and Rabi'2011-12 is going to be comfortable.

(d) to (e): The State-wise requirement (demand) of urea during Kharif 2011 (April to September) is annex at 'A'. The Department of Fertilizers is trying to ensure that supply of urea is adequate to sustain the sales on month to month basis during Kharif, 2011.