

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

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SCARCITY OF UREA

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

- (a) the details of production, consumption and availability of Urea, in the country, during the last three years and the current year, State-wise;
- (b) whether the tea production in Assam and other places had dwindled due to scarcity of Urea;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the corrective action taken in this regard?

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) The details of production of Urea in the country during the years 2008-09, 2009-10, 2010-11 and current year 2011-12 (Kharif 11) are at Annexed-'A'. The availability and consumption (sales) of Urea during the years 2008-09, 2009-10, 2010-11 & 2011-12 (April '11 to October '11) are at Annexed-'B'.

(b) to (d): Urea is the only fertilizer under partial movement, distribution and statutory price control and it is imported for direct agriculture use on Government account to bridge the gap between assessed demand and indigenous production. The demand of tea growers in the country particularly in Assam is included in the overall requirement of Assam State and so are the supplies. State Government was requested from time and again to nominate States' Institutional agency / Marketing Federation to place orders for purchase / procurement of fertilizers alongwith the payment for use by the farmers in the state at the time of need. The State Government of Assam has not been able to nominate States' Institutional Agency for procurement and distribution of fertilizers till date. The cumulative requirement, availability and sales of urea in Assam during the current year 2011-12 (April '11 to October '11) are as under:

2011-12 (April '11 to October '11)

State Requirement Availability sales

Assam 154.40 145.52 142.96

As can be seen, the availability of urea is adequate.