

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:664  
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DECLINE IN DEMAND OF NON PHOSPHORIC FERTILIZERS  
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**Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the demand of non-phosphoric fertilizers have declined by fifteen percent in comparison with the last year consequent upon increase in the price thereof; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the manner in which it is likely to impact balanced use of fertilizers policy of the Government?

**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 (b): No, Madam. The demand and availability of non-phosphatic fertilizers like Urea and MOP in the country during 2011-12 (April'2011 to February'2012) compared to same period last year is as under:-

(Figures in )

FG 2010-11 (April to February)    2011-12 (April to February)

Requirement    Availability    Requirement    Availability

Urea    274.14    269.36    288.68    275.49

MOP    44.84    37.77    45.43    27.63

As can be seen, the demand and the availability of urea is on the higher side compared to last year. The availability of urea during the year 2011-12 (April'11 to February'12) has been adequate throughout the country. In case of MOP, there was tightness in availability during Kharif, 2011. There is no viable source of Potash in the country as such the entire demand of MOP is met through imports. Upto the month of July'11, contracting for import of MOP could not materialize due to substantial increase of prices and cartelization by MOP producers in the International market. The contracting of MOP took place only in the month of August'11. As a result, MOP availability for direct application as well as for indigenous production of NPK fertilizers is comfortable in Rabi'11-12.