

**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 Union Government is ensuring adequate supply of fertilizers during the peak season by creating a buffer stock of key farm nutrients like Di-ammonium phosphate, muriate of potash and urea;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise especially in Andhra Pradesh; and
- (c) if not, the time by which the steps are likely to be taken by the Union Government 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) to (c): As of now, there is no proposal for creating a buffer stock of Di-ammonium phosphate (DAP) and Muriate of Potash (MOP). The Department operates a buffer stock of urea through the fertilizer companies (lead fertilizer suppliers) in major consuming states up to a limit of 5% of the seasonal requirement, subject to 6.25 lakh metric tonnes, to meet the unforeseen eventuality during Kharif and Rabi seasons. States identified for operating the buffer stock including Andhra Pradesh are as follows:

1. Andhra Pradesh
2. Karnataka
3. Tamil Nadu
4. Gujarat
5. Madhya Pradesh
6. Maharashtra
7. Rajasthan
8. Haryana
9. Punjab
10. Uttar Pradesh
11. Bihar
12. Jammu & Kashmir
13. Orissa
14. West Bengal.