

**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 Government has any record regarding the supply of fertilizers in the country for the last five months;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise, month-wise and item-wise;
- (c) whether there has been a steep decline in the demand for the fertilizers in the country compared to the same season (Kharif period) in the previous years; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

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 (b): The State-wise and month-wise supply (availability) of major fertilizers namely Urea, DAP, MOP & NPK in the country during the last six months i.e. February, 2012 to July, 2012 is at Annexure 'A'.

(c) to (d): The Central Government assesses the State-wise demand of fertilizers before each cropping seasons in Zonal conferences on Agricultural Inputs in which representatives of State Governments and fertilizer industry participate. Demand of fertilizers is assessed on the basis of past consumption, weather conditions, targeted crop area, cropping pattern, area under irrigation and soil mapping etc. The demand (requirement) of Urea, DAP, MOP & NPK fertilizers during the Kharif, 2012 compared to previous season Kharif, 2011 are as under:

(Figures in 'LMT')

Season	Urea	DAP	MOP	NPK
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Kharif, 2012	150.82	69.40	21.97	55.53
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Kharif, 2011	142.16	71.37	22.54	52.06
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It is observed from the above table that in the case of Urea and NPK, the demand has increased whereas there was marginal decline in demand of DAP and MOP.