

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

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

- (a) whether the Government has made an assessment about the demand of chemical fertilizers in the country during the current year;
- (b) if so, the details thereof ;
- (c) whether the Government has taken note of the shortage of chemical fertilizers in the country; and
- (d) the steps taken by the Government to resolve the matter?

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): The Central Government assesses the State-wise and month-wise demand of fertilizers before each cropping season in Zonal conferences on Agricultural Inputs in which representatives of State Governments and fertilizer industry participate. The projected estimated requirement & imports of Urea, DAP, MOP and Complex (NPK) fertilizers during the year 2012-13 is as under:

Product	#Requirement
Urea	320.19
DAP	132.47
MOP	50.53
NPK	110.00

on the basis of estimated projection of last year Rabi requirements.

(c) to (d): The country being dependent on imports to meet the requirement of Phosphatic and Potassic fertilizers including its raw material, the Government is encouraging acquisition of fertilizer assets / resources by Indian PSUs/Companies and setting up of Joint Venture Fertilizer Projects abroad in the resource rich countries. The Government also encourages long-term off-take agreements for supply of fertilizers/fertilizer inputs at some preferential prices from such countries.

In Urea sector, since much of the raw materials are available with the country, the Government endeavour is to achieve self-sufficiency in this sector. The Government has announced a new policy of urea on 4th September 2008 to attract new investments. The policy is based on import parity price (IPP) benchmark with suitable floor & ceiling prices aiming to revamp, expansion, revival of existing urea units and setting up of Greenfield projects. The revision in this policy is under consideration.