

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

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

- (a) whether the Government is considering to make available urea in plenty in drought affected States;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether there has been a demand to reduce the price of urea because of the drought like situation being faced by the country; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the 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 (b): The State-wise requirement and availability of Urea in the country during the current year 2012-13 (April'12 to July'12) is at Annexure. As can be seen from the Annexure, the availability of Urea during the current year 2012-13 (April'12 to July'12) was comfortable. There were some instances of local shortage of urea in Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Maharashtra, Bihar, Odisha etc. because of lower off-take in the beginning of the season due less rainfall. However, the supply of urea has now been speeded up.

(c) to (d): Department of Fertilizers (DOF) has not received any such reference in this regard from any State.