

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

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NORMS FOR ALLOCATION OF FERTILIZERS

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

- (a) Whether the Government has adopted the transparent and rational norms for allocation of fertilizers to different States;
- (b) If so, the details thereof;
- (c) The reasons for not following the norms and allocate the required fertilizers to the various States including Odisha; and
- (d) The remedial measures 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 AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SRIKANT KUMAR JENA)

(a) to (d) : Department of Agriculture and Cooperation (DAC) conducts zonal conference in the beginning of the season (Kharif and Rabi) along with Department of Fertilizers, State Governments, fertilizer companies and Fertilizers Association of India (FAI) to assess the demand of fertilizers. The demand so assessed is conveyed by DAC to Department of Fertilizers. On the basis of the demand conveyed by Department of Agriculture and Cooperation, the month-wise supply plans are drawn by Department of Fertilizers on the basis of indigenous production and imported plans filed by companies. Monthly supply plans are drawn in such a way to ensure that the supplies (from indigenous and imported sources) matches the requirement of the month for a particular state. In addition, the following criteria are also being followed to ensure equitable distribution of fertilizers.

(i) there are more than two or more sources of supply of fertilizers in the State to ensure the backup supplies in case of failure of one of the sources; and

(ii) Department of Fertilizers also ensures that supplies from CPSU/Cooperative Sector/indigenous manufacturers/private unit/Ports are made to the nearest States for minimizing the freight subsidy outgo and quickest possible delivery to the destinations.

The requirement, availability and sales of fertilizers for the year 2012-13 (April to November, 2012) for all the states including Odisha is enclosed. As can be seen the availability of all the fertilizers is adequate.