

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

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ADVANCE STORAGE OF UREA AND PHOSPHATIC FERTILIZERS

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

- (a) the arrangements being made by the government for advance storage of urea and phosphatic fertilizers in the country; and
- (b) the monitoring mechanism being put in place for distribution of fertilizers in rural areas?

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): Department of Fertilizers is maintaining buffer stock of urea to the tune of 6.25 LMT in various states. The buffer stock of urea is being maintained through Lead Fertilizer Suppliers (LFS) in various states. Buffer stock of urea is generally re-couped in off peak seasons to be off loaded during peak consumption period as per request of the State Government. No buffer stock for P&K fertilizer (DAP, MOP & NPK) is being maintained by Department of Fertilizers as of now.

(b): The Department of Fertilizers indicates the monthly supply plan filed by indigenous suppliers and importers of fertilizers. On the basis of supply plan filed by companies, Department of Fertilizers draws monthly supply plan and ensures that the availability of fertilizers matches the requirement projected by State Government through Department of Agriculture and Cooperation (DAC) on month to month basis. Department of Fertilizers monitors the availability of fertilizers at state level. The further distribution of fertilizer within the state is the responsibility of the respective State Government.