

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

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FERTILIZER NEEDS OF JHARKHAND
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Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Union Government is not able to fulfil the fertilizer related needs of Jharkhand;
- (b) If so, the details thereof along with the reasons therefor;
- (c) if not, the details thereof;
- (d) whether for the last several years the Union government has been providing lesser quantity of fertilizers to Jharkhand in comparison to other States; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

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 (e): The State-wise requirement and availability of Urea, DAP, MOP & complex fertilizers during the last three years & current year i.e. 2009-10, 2010-11, 2011-12 & 2012-13 (upto November, 2012) for all states including Jharkhand are at Annexure 'A'.

As can be seen from the Annexure, the availability of fertilizers in Jharkhand State is less than the requirement projected by the State Government. This is so because there is no "State Sponsored Marketing Federation" in the State of Jharkhand on the pattern of Punjab, Haryana, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Uttar Pradesh etc. so that the MARKFED can procure and store fertilizers, on behalf of the State Government, in off peak season to be used during peak season. The Department of Fertilizers has been continuously advising the State Government of Jharkhand for creation of such agency, so that availability of fertilizers can be improved in the state.