

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

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

- (a) whether cash crunch has hit the fertilizer imports;
- (b) if so, whether the Government held back subsidy commitments to importers;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the shortage of fertilizers could further stoke runaway food inflation and pose risk to winter crop operations;
- (e) if so, whether the assured availability of key fertilizers is critical to food security; and
- (f) if so, the steps the Government is taking to make fertilizers available to the farmers?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND
MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SRIKANT KUMAR JENA)

(a),(b) &(c) The total allocation of subsidy on account of import of fertilizers both P&K and urea is Rs.30592.11 crores. Of the urea import allocation of Rs.18016 crores, Rs.12188.70 crores has been utilized so far. The balance available is enough to meet current year's import of urea requirements. In the case of imported P&K fertilizers, an amount of Rs.12477.97 crores, out of an allocation of Rs.12576.11 crores, has been utilized towards imported fertilizers subsidy. Additional funds have been sought in the R.E. 2012-13. The temporary delay in payment of imported P&K subsidy will be met out of the additional funds received.

(d) : There is no shortage of fertilizers and therefore there is no question of runaway food inflation and risk to winter crop operations.

(e) : Doesn't arise..

(f): The availability of fertilizer during winter crop Rabi 2012-13 (October, 2012) is given in the Annexure. As can be seen, the availability of all the fertilizers is more than the requirement projected by State Government through Department of Agriculture & Cooperation (DAC). In addition, the Department of Fertilizers also jointly conducts weekly Video Conference along with Department of Agriculture & Cooperation (DAC) and Ministry of Railways to review fertilizer availability with the various State Governments. The corrective actions are being taken in order to avoid any shortages of fertilizer in the country.