

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

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AVAILABILITY OF FERTILIZERS

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

(a) Whether the Union government have taken/propose to take steps to ensure sufficient availability of fertilizers during the current rabi season in various states;

(b) If so, the details thereof, state-wise; and

(c) 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 (c) : Yes, Madam. The demand (requirement) assessed by Department of Agriculture (DAC) and availability of Urea, DAP, MOP and NPK in all the States during the month of October in the current season i.e. Rabi 2012-13 is at Annexure. As can be seen from the Annexure, the availability of all the Fertilizers during the current Rabi season 2012-13 (October, 2012) is comfortable.

(d): Steps taken by Department of Fertilizers to ensure proper availability of fertilizers during the current rabi season is as given below:-

i) the movement of all major subsidized fertilizers is being monitored throughout the country by an on-line web based monitoring system (www.urvarak.co.in) also called as Fertilizer Monitoring System (FMS);

ii) the State governments have been advised to instruct the State institutional agencies to coordinate with manufacturers and importers of fertilizers for streamlining the supplies;

iii) a regular weekly Video conference is being conducted jointly by Department of Agriculture & Cooperation (DAC), Department of Fertilizers (DoF), and Ministry of Railways and Department of Shipping with State Agriculture Officials and corrective actions are taken to dispatch fertilizer as indicted by the State governments.

iv) Adequate supplies have been ensured and further steps are being taken to ensure adequate supplies by contracting of imported Urea and other Fertilizers.