

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

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DECREASE IN USE OF FERTILIZERS

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

- (a) The demand of various fertilizers in the country during the last three years and the current year;
- (b) Whether the Government is aware that the use of fertilizers by the farmers have decreased during the current year due to steep rise in the price of fertilizes during the recent years;
- (c) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;
- (d) the steps taken by the Government to check the rise in the prices of fertilizers;
- (e) whether the Government is also aware that the low quality fertilizers have been supplied to the farmers in the country; and
- (f) if so, the action 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) A statement showing demand of various fertilizers (Urea, DAP, MOP & NPK) for the last three years and during the current year (upto February, 2013) is annexed at 'A' & 'B'.
- (b) The sales of urea is expected to be at slightly higher level at 295 LMT as against 290.37 LMT last year. For phosphatic fertilizers the sale is expected to be at 159.74 LMT as against 225.48 LMT sale of last year, which included approximate 31 LMT pre-positioning in the month of January to March, 2012 for the year 2012-13.
- (c) A state-wise statement of sales is annexed at 'A' & 'B'.
- (d) Department of Fertilizers is implementing Nutrient Based Subsidy (NBS) Policy for the P&K fertilizers under which a fixed amount of subsidy, decided on annual basis is provided to P&K fertilizers covered under the scheme depending upon its nutrient content. Under the NBS policy, MRP of P&K fertilizes has been left open and manufacturers and importers of P&K fertilizers fix the MRP of P&K fertilizers at reasonable level.

The MRP of P&K fertilizers depend upon various factors which include fluctuation of prices in the international market, fluctuation of Rupee/Dollar exchange rate, other elements of cost etc. The MRP of Urea is fixed by the Government.
- (e) to (f) Government has taken following steps in this regard:
 - (i) The quality of the fertilizer manufactured/imported and marketed in India is covered under Fertilizer Control Order (FCO), 1985. This Order prohibits the manufacture/import for sale, sell, offer for sale, stock or exhibit for sale or distribute any fertilizer which is not of prescribed standard.
 - (ii) State Governments are adequately empowered under Fertilizer Control Order (FCO), 1985, to draw the samples to verify the standard quality of fertilizer.
 - (iii) Department of Fertilizers advises State Governments on regular basis to keep a strict vigil on supply of fertilizers so that only good quality fertilizer is made available to farmers.