

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

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DEMAND AND SUPPLY OF FERTILIZERS  
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**Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:**

- (a) Whether the Union government has made an assessment of the demand and supply of fertilizers for the Kharif and Rabi seasons in each State;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;
- (c) whether the Union government proposes to set up the buffer stock of fertilizers to meet the shortage, in each State; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof? ;

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b): The assessment of the demand of fertilizers for each season is finalized by Department of Agriculture and Cooperation in consultation with Department of Fertilizers, States, Railways, Fertilizer Association of India , and representatives of the fertilizer companies through biennial Zonal Conferences before start of each crop season i.e. Kharif & Rabi. The statement showing requirement, supply plan, availability and sales during last Rabi 2012-13 is annexed at 'A'. The assessment of demand of fertilizers for current Kharif season has been finalized by Department of Agriculture and Cooperation in the same manner and is annexed at 'B'.

(c) & (d): As can be seen, the availability of all the fertilizers during Rabi 2012-13 was satisfactory. At present, availability is comfortable, as on 01.04.2013, 17.45 LMT stocks were available with the states and at ports, therefore, there is no need for buffer stocking of fertilizers right now.