

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

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

- (a) Whether the availability of Potash to farmers has got affected due to their being decontrolled;
- (b) If so, the details thereof;
- (c) Whether any shortage of potash fertilizers has been reported in the country;
- (d) If so, whether any decline in the potash consumption has been registered during the last three years;
- (e) If so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and
- (f) the steps 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): No, Sir.

(b): Question does not arise.

(c): No, Sir. A state-wise statement showing MOP requirement, supply plan, availability and sales is annexed at `A`.

(d) to (f) : A statement showing consumption of Potash Fertilizers (MOP) for the last three years from 2009-10 is annexed at `B`. There has been 25.70% decrease in consumption of Potash Fertilizers during the year 2011-12 compared to that of during the year 2008-09. The consumption of fertilizers depends on monsoons, irrigation facilities, area under cultivation, availability of credit, awareness about usage of fertilizers and purchasing power in the rural areas etc.