

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:109

ANSWERED ON:26.11.2009

DEMAND AND SUPPLY OF FERTILIZERS

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

- (a) whether there is a huge gap between the demand and supply of various fertilizers in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, and the reasons therefor;
- (c) the average demand and supply of fertilizers in various States including Uttar Pradesh during the rabi season;
- (d) the break-up of nitrogen, phosphorous, potash and other fertilizers allocated to States for the rabi season, State-wise;
- (e) the steps taken to prevent black marketing of fertilizers due to short supply; and
- (f) the efforts being made by the Union Government to bridge the gap between demand and supply of fertilizers?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS (SHRI SRIKANT KUMAR JENA)

(a) to (f): A statement is laid on the table of the House.

Statement referred to in reply to parts (a) to (f) of the Lok Sabha Starred Question No. 109 to be answered on 26.11.2009.

(a) & (b): No, Sir. Urea is the only fertilizer which is under partial movement and distribution control of the Government. All other fertilizers viz. DAP, MOP, and NPK etc. are decontrolled/ de-canalized since 1992. The availability of Phosphatic and Potassic fertilizers is decided by the market forces of demand and supply. Union Government monitors availability of fertilizers at State level and State Governments are responsible for further distribution within the State.

The demand and supply (availability) of major fertilizers namely Urea, Di-ammonium Phosphate (DAP), Muriate of Potash (MOP) and Complex (NPK) fertilizers in the country during the current year 2009-10 (April'09 to October'09) are as under:

(`Qty. in `LMT`)					
Year	Particulars	Urea	DAP	MOP	NPK
2009-10 Demand/					
	Assessed requirement	159.69	70.46	26.53	56.97
	Supply (Availability)	149.80	74.04	23.84	45.26
	Sales	142.36	72.66	22.71	43.52

(c) & (d): The State-wise cumulative requirement (demand), availability and sales of Urea, DAP, MOP and Complex fertilizers during the current Rabi'2009-10 (October'09 to November'09) is annexed. As can be seen, the availability of urea, DAP and MOP has been adequate. However, there has been a little tightness in availability of complex (NPK) fertilizers because of low level of indigenous production and also as these can not be imported.

(e): The State Governments, as the enforcement agencies, are adequately empowered under Fertiliser Control Order, 1985 to take appropriate action against any offender who indulges in any kind of malpractices including black marketing.

(f): The steps taken to ensure supplies of fertilizers as per demand are as under:

i) The gap between requirement and indigenous availability of Urea is met through imports;

ii) The country is almost fully dependent on imports to meet the requirements of phosphatic and potassic fertilizers. Government has taken initiatives to encourage indigenous production in P&K sector by allowing import parity price to the indigenous manufacturers of DAP. Government has also reduced the custom duty on phosphoric acid from 5% to 2% to enable indigenous manufacturers of P&K fertilizers to acquire this important input at reasonable price. Government is also encouraging private sector and public sector

companies to explore the possibilities for joint ventures abroad to ensure uninterrupted supply of fertilizers inputs to P&K sector.

iii) Department of Fertilizers operates Buffer Stock of Urea, DAP & MOP through State Institutional Agencies/ fertilizer companies in major fertilizer consuming States to the tune of 6.25 LMT, 3.50 LMT and 1.00 LMT respectively;

Figures in 000`MTs  
RABI 2009-10

Cumulative Requirement, Availability and Sales during Rabi 09-10  
(October`09 - November`09)

#### UREA

States	Cumulative Requirement	Comulative Availability	Cumulative Sales upto 23.11.2009
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Andhra Pradesh	580.00	477.61	339.50
Karnataka	205.00	247.51	162.78
Kerala	30.50	43.09	24.86
Tamil Nadu	315.00	233.37	202.83
Gujarat	370.00	277.74	202.94
Madhya Pradesh	500.31	403.68	258.03
Chhattisgarh	15.50	21.33	12.09
Maharashtra	434.00	304.01	200.23
Rajasthan	368.00	263.90	173.21
Haryana	410.00	322.64	211.76
Punjab	570.00	412.02	246.91
Jammu & Kashmir	35.70	5.59	1.39
Uttar Pradesh	800.00	828.75	487.28
Uttarakhand	18.00	28.65	8.57
Bihar	310.00	260.67	200.96
Jharkhand	25.00	23.62	18.25
Orissa	40.00	48.26	16.41
West Bengal	215.77	196.75	114.01
Assam	30.80	29.21	21.48
All India	5303.57	4443.86	2914.75

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( October`09 - November`09)

#### DAP

States	Cumulative Requirement	Comulative Availability	Cumulative Sales upto 23.11.2009
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Andhra Pradesh	300.00	230.07	186.49
Karnataka	160.00	200.85	184.68
Kerala	8.26	5.97	3.78
Tamil Nadu	131.00	57.57	50.10
Gujarat	260.00	178.95	183.07
Madhya Pradesh	354.15	350.49	275.74
Chhattisgarh	18.90	56.01	59.01
Maharashtra	339.70	559.79	528.19
Rajasthan	245.00	222.20	175.52
Haryana	350.00	310.54	300.38
Punjab	450.00	475.73	465.55
Jammu & Kashmir	29.25	11.44	8.04
Uttar Pradesh	750.00	660.28	498.48
Uttarakhand	11.00	18.81	11.49

Bihar	160.00	106.54	77.35
Jharkhand	25.00	22.93	16.80
Orissa	13.48	44.44	47.23
West Bengal	87.40	89.91	70.62
Assam	4.40	5.11	2.58
All India	3706.28	3611.22	3148.79

Figures in 000`MTs  
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(October`09 - November`09)

MOP

States	Cumulative Requirement	Comulative Availability	Cumulative Sales upto 23.11.2009 as on 23.11.09
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Andhra Pradesh	135.00	136.59	90.89
Karnataka	90.00	109.46	63.76
Kerala	35.00	40.82	29.93
Tamil Nadu	130.00	113.06	84.76
Gujarat	51.00	56.65	52.59
Madhya Pradesh	39.65	26.56	14.82
Chhattisgarh	4.45	4.22	1.62
Maharashtra	101.90	113.70	62.76
Rajasthan	10.00	7.10	4.14
Haryana	15.00	19.44	18.54
Punjab	25.00	23.97	10.54
Jammu & Kashmir	9.67	1.83	1.82
Uttar Pradesh	90.00	92.07	55.26
Uttarakhand	4.00	2.63	2.63
Bihar	75.00	43.61	30.66
Jharkhand	4.50	1.75	1.38
Orissa	12.21	12.34	8.17
West Bengal	97.40	118.22	72.55
Assam	15.40	10.95	5.36
All India	954.84	936.06	613.43

Figures in 000`MTs  
RABI 2009-10

Cumulative Requirement, Availability and Sales during Rabi 09-10  
( October`09 - November`09)

NPK

States	Cumulative Requirement	Comulative Availability	Cumulative Sales upto 23.11.2009 as on 23.11.09
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Andhra Pradesh	400.00	346.15	216.68
Karnataka	225.00	146.41	111.36
Kerala	37.50	40.99	25.94
Tamil Nadu	88.00	121.77	87.32
Gujarat	106.80	107.46	67.96
Madhya Pradesh	114.51	93.80	59.75
Chhattisgarh	14.45	14.69	7.77
Maharashtra	165.00	148.55	98.88
Rajasthan	41.80	36.43	23.31
Haryana	10.00	19.77	15.67
Punjab	25.00	31.07	22.45
Uttar Pradesh	250.00	266.60	235.33
Uttarakhand	12.50	11.93	8.79
Bihar	105.00	54.22	38.68

Jharkhand	16.00	18.94	15.70
Orissa	19.10	19.62	7.55
West Bengal	214.80	160.80	124.87
Assam	0.00	0.00	0.00
All India	1872.58	1651.52	1174.06