

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

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RAKES FOR TRANSPORTATION OF UREA  
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**Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:**

- (a) Whether as per the demand of Karnataka and other States, adequate number of rakes are being provided by the Government for transportation of urea;
- (b) If so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise,
- (c) If not, the reasons therefor;
- (d) Whether the Government has formulated any policy to establish a new system for this purpose; and
- (e) If so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b): Subsidized fertilizers including Urea are moved throughout the country from plants and ports through Railway Rakes and Road transportation. Ministry of Railways is providing enough number of railway rakes for transportation of Urea to all the states and UTs including Karnataka as per the demand of Urea in the States.

The month wise Railway Rakes of Urea loaded during the year 2013-14 (April 2013 to January 2014) is attached at Annexure-A.

Department of Agriculture and Co-operation along with Department of Fertilizers and Ministry of Railway conducts regular weekly video conference with Agriculture officials of all the States. During these meetings, no State/UT reported scarcity of Urea in their respective States.

(c): Question does not arise.

(d) & (e): To ensure the availability of fertilizers in the country, Government has taken following steps:-

(1) The month-wise demand is assessed and projected by the Department of Agriculture & Cooperation (DAC) in consultation with the State Governments before commencement of each cropping season. Officials of Department of Agriculture of all the States, representatives of all the fertilizer companies, officials of FAI, officials of Ministry of Railways and Department of Fertilizers are participants in these biannual Zonal Conferences.

(2) On the basis of month-wise & state-wise projection given by Department of Agriculture and Cooperation, Department of Fertilizers allocates sufficient/adequate quantities of fertilizers to the States by issuing monthly supply plan and continuously monitors the availability through following system:

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](http://www.urvarak.co.in)) also called as Fertilizer Monitoring System (FMS);

ii) The State Governments are regularly advised to coordinate with manufacturers and importers of fertilizers for streamlining the supplies through timely placement of indents for railway rakes through their state institutional agencies like Markfed etc.

iii) Regular weekly Video conference is conducted jointly by Department of Agriculture & Cooperation (DAC), Department of Fertilizers (DOF), and Ministry of Railways with State Agriculture Officials and corrective actions are taken to dispatch fertilizer as indicated by the State governments.

iv) The gap in the demand and domestic production of fertilizer is met through imports.