

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
AGRICULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

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AVAILABILITY OF SEEDS

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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether it is a fact that the availability of seeds, fertilizers and power required for agricultural works is usually less in proportion to the demand in many States including Rajasthan;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether adequate quantity of seeds and fertilizers are made available to the farmers before every sowing seasons;
- (d) if so, the requirement and availability of seeds and fertilizers for various crops; and
- (e) the corrective steps taken by the Government for adequate supply of quality seeds and fertilizers to the farmers?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (DR. SANJEEV KUMAR BALYAN)

(a) to (e): As reported by the States, the availability of certified/quality seeds in the country for 2014-15 at 351.76 lakh quintals is sufficient as compared to the demand of 343.55 lakh quintals. Crop-wise and State wise details are at Annexure-I to Annexure-V. In addition, various ongoing schemes of the Department including National Food Security Mission (NFSM), National Mission on Oilseeds and Oil Palm (NMOOP), Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY), National Mission on Agriculture Extension and Technology (sub-mission on seeds and planting material) etc. are under implementation for improving the availability of quality seeds of various crops.

As far as fertilizers are concerned the month-wise demand is assessed and projected by the Department of Agriculture & Co-operation (DAC) in consultation with the State Governments before commencement of each cropping season. On the basis of month-wise & state-wise projections given by DAC, Department of Fertilizers allocates sufficient/adequate quantities of fertilizers to States by issuing monthly supply plan. A statement showing requirement, availability and sales of fertilizers from 2012-13 to 2014-15 (up to January, 2015) is a Annexure VI. The overall availability scenario of fertilizers has been adequate and comfortable including Rajasthan. The following corrective steps are being taken by the Government to meet the requirement of fertilizers to the farmers in all the State/UTs.

On the basis of month-wise & State-wise projections given by DAC, Department of Fertilizers allocates sufficient/adequate quantities of fertilizers to 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 Railway with State Agriculture Officials and corrective actions are taken to dispatch fertilizers as indicated by the State Governments.
- (iv) The gap in the demand and domestic production of fertilizer is met through imports.

Power (Electricity) is a concurrent subject. Supply and distribution of electricity to various consumers including agriculture in a State/UT is within the purview of the respective State Government/State Power Utility. The Government of India only supplements the efforts of the State Governments by establishing power plants and transmission system in Central Sector through Central Power Sector Undertakings(CPSUs).