

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

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

- (a) whether the Government has made assessment regarding requirements of various fertilizers for the domestic consumption by farmers in the country during the Kharif and Rabi seasons; ;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise;
- (c) whether the domestic fertilizer companies in public, private and cooperative sectors will be able to meet the above demand;;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the measures taken by the Government to ensure enough supply of fertilizers for the farmers during Kharif and Rabi seasons?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI NIHAL CHAND)

(a)& (b): Yes, Madam. The month-wise demand is assessed and projected by the Department of Agriculture & Cooperation (DAC) in consultation with the State Governments before commencement of Rabi and Kharif season. The details Rabi 2013-14 and Kharif 2014 are at Annexure 'A' and 'B'.

(c) to (e): The production of fertilizers in the country is less than the requirement. The Department of Fertilizers is taking following steps to ensure enough supply of fertilizers for the farmers during Rabi and Kharif season:-

(i) 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.

(ii) On the basis of month-wise & state-wise projection 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:

(a) 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) also called as Fertilizer Monitoring System (FMS);

(b) 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.

(c) 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.

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