

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:282
ANSWERED ON:17.03.2015
FERTILIZER MONITORING SYSTEM
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Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether non-supply/inadequate distribution of fertilizers well before sowing seasons and also shortage have been reported in various parts of the country and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the normative vis-a-vis actual time of supply/distribution of fertilizer reported State/UT-wise:
- (c) the salient features of the online Fertilizer Monitoring System (FMS) under implementation along with the reasons for the shortage of fertilizers in the country despite the implementation of online FMS; and
- (d) whether the Government proposes to upgrade the existing monitoring mechanism and if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR)

(a) to (d): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 282 TO BE ANSWERED ON 17.03.2015 REGARDING FERTILIZER MONITORING SYSTEM

(a): The Department of Agriculture and Cooperation has assessed demand of various fertilizers for the ensuing sowing season i.e. Kharif, 2015. Department of Fertilizers has issued supply plan for the month of February and March which are lean months for consumption of fertilizers. Since the allocation during these months is higher than the projected requirement, the states will be in a position to preposition the fertilizers for the consumption for ensuing Kharif, 2015. The details of allocation for the month of February and March are given as below :

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Month	Urea	DAP	MOP	NPK	Requirement	Supply	Requirement	Supply	Requirement	Supply	Requirement	Supply
	Plan	ment	Plan	ment	Plan	ment	Plan	ment	Plan	ment	Plan	ment
Feb`15	16.71	29.61	3.30	7.53	1.93	4.37	5.79	10.24				
March`15	10.21	22.83	3.05	7.67	1.67	3.59	5.54	8.77				

On account of supply of fertilizers more than requirement before the sowing season of Kharif, 2015, there is no report of shortage/non-supply/inadequacy of fertilizers from any part in the country.

Further for the current Rabi 2014-15, DoF has supplied more Urea than that in last Rabi season as is evident from the Table given below.

Year	Requirement	Opening	Receipts	Availability	Sales
	Stock				
2013-14 (from Oct. to February)	152.23	4.74	132.65	137.39	133.36
2014-15 (from Oct. to February)	149.90	0.99	145.47	146.46	144.18

As can be seen from the above table that this year supplies as well as sales have been more than that of last year. During current Rabi season due to changed weather conditions and cropping pattern, there was a shift in demand pattern and therefore in the months of December, 2014 and January, 2015, some states requested Urea far more than the projected requirement of these months and the supply was made accordingly.

(b): The supply/distribution of fertilizers is a continuous process which is carried throughout the year to fulfill the requirement of States/UTs projected by Department of Agriculture and Cooperation.

(c): The web based online Fertilizer Monitoring System tracks the availability of fertilizers from plant/port to its receipt and first point

sale in the district. It also captures production, dispatch, receipt and sale of fertilizers on a daily basis.

(d): Department of Fertilizers had extended the scope of FMS by launching Mobile Fertilizers Monitoring System (mFMS) in 2012, which can be accessed at <http://mfms.nic.in>, mFMS tracks the movement of fertilizer from district level to the last point of sale i.e. upto the retailer level.