

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

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PRODUCTION OF FERTILIZERS

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

- (a) whether the gap between demand and supply of fertilizers has widened in the country during each of the last three years and the current year;
- (b) If so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the fertilizer producing private and public companies have achieved the target set for production of fertilizers in the country;
- (d) If so, the details of production target set/achievement made during the said period, company/fertilizer-wise ; and
- (e) the number of complaints received from some States regarding non- availability of fertilizers along with the action/steps taken on these complaints during the said period, State/UT-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR)

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION 491 TO BE ANSWERED ON 12.08.2014 REGARDING PRODUCTION OF FERTILIZERS.

(a) & (b): Department of Agriculture and Cooperation (DAC) after having consultation with States, before the start of each cropping season, makes an assessment of requirement of fertilizers. On the basis of assessment made by DAC, Department of Fertilizers (DoF) issues month-wise supply plans to the States/UTs. The States through their marketing federations/fertilizers dealers place orders with the fertilizer companies on the basis of actual demand during the season as reflected through consumption pattern at that time at the field level. Thus the sales are reflection of actual demand prevailing during the season and availability reflects the supply side of the market. The availability during the last three years and current year has been higher than the actual sales. The assessed requirement, availability and sales of all the major chemical fertilizers viz Urea, DAP, MOP & NPK for the last three years and the current year upto July, 2014 are given below:-

YEAR	Major Chemical fertilizers viz UREA, DAP, MOP & NPK		
	Assessed Requirement	Availability	Sales
2011-12	569.46	570.55	550.64
2012-13	598.36	505.70	492.58
2013-14	569.25	482.62	470.65
2014-15			
Upto July, 2014	170.73	155.82	138.73

It can be seen from the above table that availability of all the fertilizers throughout the country has been adequate and comfortable vis-à-vis the sales.

(c) & (d): The production achievement vis-à-vis the target in case of Urea during 2011- 12, 2012-13, 2013-14 and the current year was 98.5%, 100%, 97% and 97.6% respectively as annexed at Annexure 'A'. The production achievement vis-à-vis the target in case of DAP during 2011-12, 2012-13, 2013-14 and the current year was 86.14%, 84.58% and 67.11% and 67.44% respectively as annexed at Annexure 'B'.

The production achievement vis-à-vis the target in case of NPK during 2011-12, 2012- 13, 2013-14 and the current year was 80.5%, 61.9%, 82.6% and 69.7% respectively as annexed at Annexure 'C'. Notably, MOP is not produced in India.

(e): Department of Fertilizers issues month-wise supply plan to the respective states, as per the projection given by Department of

Agriculture and Co-operation. The availability of fertilizers in the States is continuously monitored through the following system:-

- (i) The movement of all major subsidized fertilizers is monitored throughout the country by an on-line web based monitoring system (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.

In view of the above there has not been any major complaint of non-availability of fertilizers from any of the states during this period.