GOVERNMENT OF INDIA CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3791 ANSWERED ON:05.08.2014 REQUIREMENT OF FERTILIZERS Dhotre Shri Sanjay Shamrao;Tadas Shri Ramdas Chandrabhanji

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

- (a) The details of the requirement, availability and consumption of liquid fertilizers by the farmers during each of the last three years and the current year; State/UT-wise;
- (b) whether there is acute shortage of the fertilizers including liquid fertilizers in the country;
- (c) if so, the details thereof along with the quantum of imports of these fertilizers to meet such shortage during the said period, State/UT and fertilizer-wise;
- (d) whether the Government has provided such imported fertilizers including liquid fertilizers at subsidized rates to the farmers of the country; and;
- (e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

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

- (a) : It is stated that liquid fertilizers are non-subsidized fertilizers, the Department of Fertilizers does not keep record relating to consumption of these fertilizers.
- (b): There is no shortage of fertilizers which are monitored by Department of Fertilizers. A statement showing requirement, availability and consumption of major fertilizers for the last three years and current year upto June, 2014 has been annexed at Annexure' A'(A1 to A3). As liquid fertilizers are non-subsidized, the Department of Fertilizers does not keep record relating to availability of these fertilizers.
- (c): It has already been stated above that liquid fertilizers are not monitored by Department of Fertilizers. The gap between demand and indigenous production is met through import. The details of import of DOF monitored fertilizers are given in the statement at Annexure 'B'.
- (d) & (e): Yes, Government is providing subsidized fertilizers (excluding liquid fertilizers) in adequate quantity to all States/UTs. The details are given in Annexure 'A' (A1 to A3).