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Title: Need to ensure adequate supply of DAP and other fertilizers in Tamil Nadu.

SHRI C. RAJENDRAN (CHENNAI SOUTH): Hon. Chairman, Sir, immediately on assuming power in Tamil Nadu, the State Government led by the Chief Minister, hon. Amma has embarked upon an ambitious target of food production of 115 lakh tonnes during the current year, covering an area of 56 lakh hectare. In the Kharif of 2011, it is proposed to cover 25.4 lakh hectare. The Chief Minister had instructed the Agricultural Department to reposition itself to meet the demands of the farmers in this regard.

Fertilizer is the key input to increase productivity; and timely supply of fertilizer is essential to see that sufficient quantity of food grains is produced. In Tamil Nadu, presently the total requirement of various fertilizers is to the tune of 26 lakh tonne – 11.12 lakh tonnes of urea; 3.66 lakh tonnes of DAP, 4.8 lakh tonnes of MOP; and 6.52 lakh tonnes of complex fertilizers.

The Union Government has allocated 47,000 tonnes of DAP for April-May 2011, but the supply was only 26,000 tonnes. There is a shortfall of 21,000 tonnes of DAP. For June 2011 also, it was less than what was promised.

Since fertilizer is an essential ingredient for food grain production, the Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu, the hon. Amma had written a letter to the hon. Prime Minister requesting him to ensure adequate supply of DAP and also other fertilizers.

I would, therefore, request the Central Government to see that adequate supply of fertilizers is ensured to Tamil Nadu so that Tamil Nadu could produce sufficient quantity of food grains to feed the entire nation. Thank you.

SHRI K. SUGUMAR (POLLACHI): Sir, I also want to associate myself on this issue raised by Shri Rajendran

MR. CHAIRMAN : Okay. Your name will be associated.