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Title: Regarding inadequate supply of chemical fertilizer to Odisha.

SHRI BHARTRUHARI MAHTAB (CUTTACK): Madam Chairman, I would like to bring to your notice and also of this House that supplying of chemical fertilizers to Orissa during this current kharif season is not only inadequate but also very much erratic.

The Government of India is saying that due to diplomatic issues, import of MOP is not getting resolved and our farmers in Orissa are advised to make use of complex fertilizers with potash content.

We are not pressing for MOP. Our pressing concern is less supply of urea and DAP.

So far as urea is concerned, against our requirement of 3.39 lakh MT, till date the supply is only 1.94 lakh MT. The deficit in supply is about 1.69 lakh MT. Out of this deficit quantity, as much as 81,200 MT is to be imported and supplied to our State. But except for 5,000 MT to be imported and supplied by IPL, there is no indication regarding the balance quantity of 76,200 MT as to who would import and deliver it to us. This is the peak time for consumption of urea in our State.

So far as DAP is concerned, the allocation is around 1.10 lakh MT against the requirement of 1.51 lakh MT, but supply is only 0.89 lakh MT. What is the Government doing?

The Government is not supplying the urea to our farmers in Orissa and, thereby; one part of Orissa is reeling under the drought, the other part is not getting any chemical fertilizer.

So, I would urge upon the Government to provide our allocated quota in this month of September positively. I would also appreciate, if the Government consider the genuine problems and intervene at the earliest.