

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS  
DEPARTMENT OF FERTILIZERS

LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO. +\*31 TO BE ANSWERED ON: 05.02.2019

SHORTAGE OF UREA

†\*31 SHRI ARJUN LAL MEENA:

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

- (a) whether the farmers had to face huge shortage of urea in Rajasthan during the last several days;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Government has reduced the share of urea for Rajasthan;
- (d) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (e) if not, the quantum of urea supplied to the State?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS AND STATISTICS &  
PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION

**(SHRI D.V. SADANANDA GOWDA)**

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

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**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) to (e) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 31\* TO BE ANSWERED ON 5.2.2019 REGARDING SHORTAGE OF UREA**

(a) to (e): Madam. Before the commencement of each cropping season, Department of Agriculture, Cooperation and Farmers Welfare (DAC&FW), in consultation with all the State Governments, assesses the requirement of fertilizers. After assessment of requirement, DAC&FW projects month-wise requirement of fertilizers.

On the basis of month-wise & state-wise projection given by DAC&FW, Department of Fertilizers allocates sufficient/ adequate quantities of fertilizers to States by issuing monthly supply plan and continuously monitors the availability through following system:

- (i) The movement of all major subsidized fertilizers is being monitored throughout the country by an on-line web based monitoring system called integrated Fertilizer Monitoring System (iFMS);
- (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 and Farmers Welfare (DAC&FW), 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.
- (iv) The gap between demand (requirement) and production is met through imports. The import for the season is also finalised well in advance to ensure timely availability.

Thus, Department of Fertilizers ensures availability of fertilizers at the State level and the distribution to the farmers within the State is the responsibility of the respective State Government. The availability is monitored regularly at various levels and there is no shortage of any fertilizer in the country including Rajasthan.

The requirement, availability and sales of Urea in Rajasthan for the peak phase of Urea as on date (31.01.2019) is indicated below in the table:

<figures in LMT>

<b>Requirement, Availability and Sales of Urea in Rajasthan</b>			
<b>Month</b>	<b>Requirement</b>	<b>Availability</b>	<b>Sales</b>
Nov '18	2.55	2.64	2.61
Dec'18	2.70	3.67	3.64
Jan' 19 (as on 31.01.2019)	2.40	2.72	2.58
<b>Total</b>	<b>7.65</b>	<b>9.04</b>	<b>8.83</b>

Source:iFMS

It can be seen from the above table that availability of Urea against sales is sufficient/ adequate in Rajasthan and there is no shortage of fertilizers.