

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS  
DEPARTMENT OF FERTILIZERS  
LOK SABHA

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2482 TO BE ANSWERED ON: 09.03.2021**

**Shortage of Fertilizers**

**2482. SHRI B.N. BACHE GOWDA:**

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

- (a) whether there has been any shortage of fertilizers during the Khariff and Rabi season 2020;
- (b) if so, the details thereof indicating the shortage of fertilizers reported during the said period;
- (c) the quantity of fertilizers being imported during this period;
- (d) the details of quantity of fertilizer being produced in the country during the said period;
- (e) the details of measures taken to meet the shortage of fertilizers in the country?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS

(SHRI D.V. SADANANDA GOWDA)

(a): No Sir, there has been no shortage of Fertilizers during Kharif'20 and Rabi 2020-21 season.

(b): In view of (a) above, question does not arise.

(c): The quantity of fertilizers imported during the period 2020-21 (upto February'21) is as under:-

<b>SEASON-WISE IMPORT OF FERTILIZERS DURING 2020-21 (Upto Feb' 21)</b>				
<b>&lt;Figures in LMT&gt;</b>				
	<b>UREA</b>	<b>DAP</b>	<b>MOP</b>	<b>NPK</b>
<b>Kharif 2020</b>	45.38	36.40	23.74	7.87
<b>Rabi 2020-21 (Upto Feb' 21)</b>	52.90	11.40	16.96	5.12
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>98.28</b>	<b>47.80</b>	<b>40.70</b>	<b>12.99</b>

(d): As per the details available in this department, the details of indigenous production (season-wise) for the financial year 2020-21(upto January, 2021) is as under:-

				<b>(In LMT)</b>
<b>Year</b>	<b>Name of the product</b>	<b>Kharif</b>	<b>Rabi</b>	<b>Total</b>
2020-21 (Upto January, 2021)	Urea	123.92	85.92	209.84
	DAP	19.17	14.43	33.60
	Complex	43.40	35.65	79.05
Sources:mfms.nic.in				

(e): The following steps are taken by the Government to meet the demand of Urea/fertilizer in the country: -

- i. 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.
- ii. 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.
- iii. 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);
- iv. 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.
- v. Regular Weekly Video Conference is conducted jointly by Department of Agriculture & Cooperation and Farmers Welfare (DAC&FW) and Department of Fertilizers (DoF) with State Agriculture Officials and corrective actions are taken to dispatch fertilizer as indicated by the State Governments.
- vi. The gap between demand (requirement) and production in case of urea, is met through timely imports. In case of P&K fertilizers, the imports come under Open & General license and fertilizer companies import these fertilizers based on their commercial judgments.

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