

QUESTION DETAILS

MINISTRY OF : CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS

RAJYA SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO 3861

TO BE ANSWERED ON 26.07.2019

Availability of fertilizers to farmers

3861. Shri G.C. Chandrashekhar

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

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- (a) whether adequate steps have been taken by Government to ensure the availability and timely supply of urea and other fertilizers to the farmers and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the details of arrangements being made for the supply of urea and other fertilizers to farmers in the States, particularly in Karnataka;
- (c) whether Government proposes to set up new fertilizer plants for manufacturing urea and other fertilizers in the States, including Karnataka; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof along with the time by when such plants are likely to be set up?

Answer

MINISTER OF CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS (SHRI D.V. SADANANDA GOWDA)

(a) & (b): Sir, following steps are being taken by the Government to ensure the availability and adequate supply of urea and other fertilizers across the country including Karnataka:-

Before the commencement of each cropping season, Department of Agriculture, Cooperation and Farmers Welfare (DAC&FW), in consultation with all the State Governments, assess the requirement of fertilizers. After the 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 the 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, with the steps as indicated above, 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.

(c) & (d): Sir, the Cabinet in its meeting held on 21.05.2015 has decided to install a new urea plant of 8.646 Lakh Metric Tonne per annum (LMTPA) in the existing premises of Brahmaputra Valley Fertilizers Corporation Limited (BVFCL), which will subsequently replace the existing urea plants Namrup-II (capacity 2.20 LMTPA) and Namrup-III (capacity 2.70 LMTPA).

Government of India is also reviving 5 closed fertilizer plants of Fertilizer Corporation of India Ltd. (FCIL) and Hindustan Fertilizer Corporation Ltd. (HFCL) namely Talcher (Odisha), Ramagundam (Telangana), Gorakhpur (Uttar Pradesh) and Sindri (Jharkhand) plants of FCIL and Barauni (Bihar) plant of HFCL by setting up new Ammonia Urea plants of 12.7 Lakh metric tonne per annum capacity each.

2. The other details including the time by which such plants are likely to be setup are as under:

S.No. Project Location Capacity in Time-frame
LMTPA Commissioning

1. Gorakhpur, UP 12.7 Feb,2021
2. Sindri, Jharkhand 12.7 May, 2021
3. Barauni, Bihar 12.7 May, 2021
- 4 Ramagundam Telangana 12.7 Dec, 2019
- 5 Talcher, Odisha 12.7 2022

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