

**QUESTION DETAILS**

MINISTRY OF : CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS

**RAJYA SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO 52  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 21.06.2019  
Demand and supply of fertilizers

52. Shri G.C. Chandrashekar

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

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

- (a) the total demand and supply of fertilizers in the country, State/UT-wise during last three years;
- (b) whether there is any shortage of fertilizers in some parts of the country recently;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor along with the corrective measures taken/ being taken by Government in this regard, State/UT-wise; and
- (d) the steps taken/being taken by Government to ensure timely supply of adequate quantity and quality fertilizers to the farming community at reasonable prices?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS

(D.V. SADANAND GOWDA)

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(a): Sir, a statement indicating the total demand and supply of fertilizers in the country, State/UT-wise during the last three years is placed at Annexure 'A'.

(b): There was no shortage of fertilizers in any part of the country recently.

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

(d): Following steps have been taken by Government to ensure timely supply of fertilizers to farmers of 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, assessed the requirement of fertilizers. After assessment of requirement, DAC&FW projected 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 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 finalized 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. Further, State Governments have been adequately empowered to ensure selling of fertilizers at MRP/ reasonable prices.

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