

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
DEPARTMENT OF FERTILIZERS

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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1975 TO BE ANSWERED ON: 02.08.2024

DEMAND AND SUPPLY OF FERTILIZERS FOR RABI CROP

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

- (a) the demand and supply of various fertilizers during the Rabi season of the current year, fertilizer-wise and State-wise including Maharashtra;
- (b) whether the farmers in various States including Maharashtra have to face difficulties due to shortage of fertilizers particularly of DAP and urea and delay in its supply during the current Rabi season;
- (c) if so, the details thereof in respect of Maharashtra, district-wise;
- (d) the quantum of fertilizers likely to be made available through import along with their domestic production to meet the demand; and;
- (e) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to ensure adequate availability of fertilizers in the country including district-wise in Maharashtra?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS
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(a) to (d): Department of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare (DA&FW), in consultation with all the State Governments, assesses the state-wise & month-wise requirement/demand of all the fertilizers, before the commencement of each cropping season. Based on the requirement assessed by DA&FW, fertilizers are made available through indigenous production and imports. This assessment of demand for Rabi 2024-25 season has not been done by DA&FW. Further, the availability of fertilizers in the country, including the State of Maharashtra, is comfortable during the ongoing Kharif 2024 season.

(e): To fulfil the requirement of fertilizers as assessed by DA&FW, Department of Fertilizers allocates adequate quantities of fertilizers to States by issuing monthly supply plans. The movement of all major subsidized fertilizers is monitored through web-based monitoring system called integrated Fertilizer Monitoring System (iFMS). Accordingly, the aforementioned steps are taken by Department of Fertilizers (DoF) to ensure the supply of adequate amount of fertilizers to all states including Maharashtra. However, the inter/intra-district distribution of fertilizers is done by the respective State Government to meet the field requirement within the state.
