

Regarding shortage of fertilizers in Karnataka.-laid

DR. K. SUDHAKAR (CHIKKBALLAPUR): Karnataka is experiencing a critical shortage of essential fertilizers?especially Di-ammonium Phosphate (DAP)?amid the peak of the kharif season. China?s abrupt reduction in DAP exports, driven by political considerations and domestic industrial demands, has disrupted India?s supply chain. In Karnataka, the centre allocated 400,000 tonnes of DAP for the kharif season, but only 189,000 tonnes have been delivered. The State also relies on about 76,000 tonnes of carry-over stock, leaving many farmers undersupplied. Adding to this is the onset of early monsoons which have initiated the agricultural season earlier than usual. There are reports of hoarding by private traders and cooperatives and price-gouging have surfaced. This puts the farmers in a very difficult situation at the mercy of these hoarders who charge hefty premiums for fertilizers. I request the Government of India to urgently intervene, by ensuring that adequate stocks of fertilizers are available for our farmers and Karnataka receives another bountiful harvest this season.