

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS  
LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) the reasons for non-availability of Suphala Complex Fertilizer in Kerala;
- (b) whether the Government have directed the Rashtriya Chemicals and Fertilizers Ltd. to keep the regular supply of Suphala in Kerala;
- (c) if so, whether the Government have fixed a single consumer rate throughout the country and due to this the manufacturing companies are selling the products only nearer to the factories; and
- (d) if so, the steps taken by the Government to ensure the smooth and timely supply of fertilizers including Suphala fertilizer to the farmers and plantation growers ?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS

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(a) to (d): Urea is the only controlled fertiliser for which the Government of India makes allocation to each State as per demand and arranges supply from indigenous suppliers and imports in case there is gap in demand and indigenous availability. But the availability of decontrolled fertiliser is governed by the market forces of demand and supply operating within the parameters of the Concession Scheme of Department of Agriculture & Cooperation (DAC).

Suphala 15:15:15 was marketed by Rashtriya Chemicals & Fertilisers Limited (RCF) in Kerala. But according to information made available, this has been discontinued by RCF since 1995-96 on account of lack of demand in Kerala. Being a decontrolled fertiliser, no allocation is made Statewise of Suphala 15:15:15. There are no distribution controls on marketing of Suphala. Marketing is made by the respective producers/suppliers depending upon their perception and requirement throughout the country even though this is covered under the Concession Scheme of DAC under which Government fixes uniform retail price and concession of this fertiliser along with other phosphatic and potassic fertilisers.