

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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CONSUMPTION OF NPK FERTILIZERS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the consumption of NPK fertilizers has been increasing steadily over the year;
- (b) if so, the details of the consumption of NPK during the last three years;
- (c) whether availability of NPK in the country is not sufficient to meet the growing demand;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the steps being taken by the Government to meet the demand of NPK?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a): During 8th and 9th Plan the average percentage annual growth in fertiliser consumption was 2.47% and 4.17% respectively.

(b): All India consumption of total NPK nutrients from 2000-2001 to 2002-2003 is as under:

(In lakh MTs)

| Year | Consumption |
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| 2000-2001 | 167.02 |
| 2001-2002 | 173.60 |
| 2002-2003 | 166.66 |

(Estimated)

(c): The availability of NPK fertilisers in the country is sufficient to meet the demand.

(d) & (e): Do not arise.