

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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CONSUMPTION OF UREA
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the per hectare average consumption of urea in the country particularly in Madhya Pradesh during the last three years, and the current year;
- (b) the extent to which this level of consumption is higher or lower than the national average of its consumption; and
- (c) the steps being taken to maintain balance in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA)

(a)&(b): The per hectare Consumption of Urea during 2000-01, 2001-02, 2002-03 and 2003-04 is estimated to be 49.07, 40.22, 35.78 and 50.10 Kg. in Madhya Pradesh, whereas at the National level, it is estimated to be 102.60, 106.50, 98.89 and 106.96 Kg. respectively based on 2000-01 gross cropped area. As per the figures, per hectare consumption of Urea in Madhya Pradesh is estimated to be less than half of the National average.

(c): As per the Government of Madhya Pradesh, national average of consumption of Urea can not be maintained in the State because of the following reasons:-

- (i) irrigated area is limited.
- (ii) Maximum efforts have been given to popularize the organic farming.
- (iii) Maximum area are covered with oilseed and pulse crops, which require less urea.
- (iv) Propagating the balanced use of fertilizer in the State.