

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) whether the Government has any proposal to computerize marketing of fertilizers in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the extent to which the shortage of fertilizers and proper utilization of subsidy by farmers will be made thereby?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI B.K. HANDIQUE)

(a) to (c): The Department of Fertilizers has launched a web based online 'Fertilizer Monitoring system' for monitoring production, distribution and sales of decontrolled Phosphatic and Potassic (P&K) fertilizers i.e. DAP, MOP and 11 grades of NPK Complexes in the country with effect from 1.1.2006. This system aims to bring transparency in fertilizer distribution and provide up to date information to the public on despatches and receipts of P&K fertilizers to different destinations on day-to-day basis. This web-based online monitoring system is currently in a trial phase. Once this system is stabilized, it will also be used for calculation and release of payment of concession to the manufacturers/importers of the decontrolled P&K fertilizers based on despatches received in the States. The States will be able to know the availability/shortage of the fertilizers at any particular point of time by virtue of the above-computerized online system.