

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

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STUDY ON DEMAND OF FERTILIZERS
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Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Fertilizers and Chemicals Travancore Limited (FACT) Aluva, Kerala has undertaken any scientific study to measure the annual demand for the various fertilizers produced by it;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the quantity of various fertilizers produced annually by FACT during the last three years and the current year; and
- (d) the measures taken by the Government to resolve the acute shortage of fertilizers faced by the farmers in Kerala?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS (SHRI SRIKANT KUMAR JENA)

(a) & (b) No Madam. The demand for FACT fertilizers is assessed based on past consumption figures and the requirement as assessed by the Government of Kerala and other State Governments.

At present the Agriculture Department, Government of Kerala informs the Department of Fertilizers, Government of India the requirement of all fertilizers. Based on this Government of India allocates the supply from FACT and other manufacturers to meet the requirement.

(c) Details of annual production during the last three years and the current year is given below:-

(`000` MT)

Product 2006-07 2007-08 2008-09 2009-10 (1st April
to 29th June 09)

FACTAMFOS 721.20 425.53 605.05 139.03

Ammonium
Sulphate 183.49 30.48 128.84 33.11

(d) There has been a slight shortage in the availability of DAP for 2008-09 in so far the state of Kerala is concerned. However, with a view to compensate the shortage there has been excess supplies in other category of fertilizers in the State. Further, FACT is taking appropriate measures to increase the production of complex fertilizers in Kerala. The availability of fertilizers in Kerala during 2008-09 has been adequate enough to take care of the assessed requirement.