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Title : Need to ensure adequate supply of fertilizer to farmers in Tamil Nadu.

SHRI RAVICHANDRAN SIPPAPARAI (SIVAKASI): Tamil Nadu had experienced good rainfall during the last Rabi season and most of the reservoirs have already been at satisfactory level. With the anticipation of most prosperous agricultural season this year, the only negative aspect the farmers foresee is the shortage of fertilisers, especially DAP, urea and super phosphate.

With scarcity of phosphoric acid in international market resulting in reduced production of phosphatic fertilisers, especially DAP in India, the only viable alternative would be to import substantial quantity of DAP. The present ground stock availability of DAP is almost nil in Tamil Nadu.

Also, urgent steps should be taken to get more EC allocation for urea from Rashtriya Chemicals and Fertilisers Ltd. To ensure adequate availability of super phosphate the selling price prevailing in other Southern States like Andhra

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\* Not Recorded

Pradesh, Karnataka, Maharashtra and Kerala shall be made applicable to Tamil Nadu also.

In view of this, I urge the Government to look into this matter immediately and do the needful for supply of adequate fertilisers to Tamil Nadu farmers immediately.