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Title: Need to take necessary steps to control the steep hike in the prices of DAP and other fertilizers.

SHRI S.S. RAMASUBBU (TIRUNELVELI): Madam, the farm-gate prices of DAP and MOP have shot up by nearly 50 per cent in the past two quarters on the back of an increase in prices of phosphoric acid, a key raw-material and also due to depreciation of rupee value. The price which was Rs. 12,500 a tonne in the first quarter shot up to around Rs. 18,000 to Rs. 19,000 a tonne now. Phosphoric acid prices which were ruling at US \$ 980 a tonne in the first quarter of the current fiscal has moved up to US \$ 1080. In general, the prices of DAP, MOP and Complex Fertilizers have nearly doubled in comparison with last year's prices.

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However, the high prices have not led to any drop in demand and the farmers are left with no option but forced to buy at higher prices. The demand continues to be strong but supplies are quite tight. Though sales volume of non-urea fertilizers has declined, the reason attributed is mainly due to supply side constraints. The main concern of the farmers is that the fertilizers are not easily available even at these high prices. Adequate monsoon during the year has also not brought cheers to the farmers, as they are forced to shell out more for di-ammonium phosphate (DAP), Potash (MOP) and other complex fertilizers....(*Interruptions*)

अध्यक्ष मंडोदर्या : बैठ जाइए।

â€“(व्यवधान)

SHRI S.S. RAMASUBBU : I shall urge upon the Union Government to take necessary steps to contain steep hike in the prices of DAP and other fertilizers and to protect the farming community who is the backbone of our country in producing the food materials.(*Interruptions*)

अध्यक्ष मंडोदर्या : आपकी बात पूरी हो गई है, अब बैठ जाइए।

â€“(व्यवधान)

MADAM SPEAKER: Shri P.T. Thomas is allowed to associate with the issue raised by Shri S.S. Ramasubbu.

....(*Interruptions*)

MADAM SPEAKER: The House stands adjourned to meet at 1100 a.m. on Monday, the 12th December, 2011.

13.01 hrs

The Lok Sabha then adjourned till Eleven of the Clock

on Monday, December 12, 2011/Agrahayana 21,1933(Saka).

* Due to continuous interruptions in the House, Starred questions could not be taken up for oral answers. Therefore, these starred questions were treated as unstarred questions.

* Not recorded.

* Speech was laid on the Table.

* Not recorded.