

[Translation]

**Promotion to Hindi Officers**

386. SHRI JAGDAMBI PRASAD YADAV : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are no promotional avenues for the Hindi Officers and other employees working in the public sector;

(b) if so, whether the Government propose to open the promotional avenues for them in tune with the other officers and employees of the Government; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L.K. ADVANI) : (a) to (c) Each organisation in Public Sector has its own statutory existence and they are competent to make recruitment/promotion for Hindi posts, as per their administrative powers, Although it is not totally correct that there is no promotional avenue in this sector, yet Ministries/Depts. have been requested to see that organisations under them remain careful and active in this regard.

**Shrotage of Fertilizer**

387. SHRI ARJUN SETHI : Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been shortage of Muriate of Potash (MOP) in the country during 1998; and

(b) if not, the details of M.O.Ps. released to the States during the Kharif/Rabi season in comparison to the 1996-97 and 1997-98?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (DR. A. K. PATEL) : (a) Muriate of Potash (MOP) is entirely imported. Its imports are governed by the market forces of demand and supply operating within the parameters of Concession Scheme of Government of India. The non-finalisation of rate of concession of MOP under the Scheme had affected the imports during Kharif 1998 resulting in problems of availability in most of the States. However, during Rabi 1998-99 there are no shortages as the imports during the season are estimated to exceed 15 LMT.

(b) MOP is decontrolled fertilizer and is not allocated to the States as in the case of urea. The availability and sales of MOP during Kharif and Rabi seasons of both 1996-97 and 1997-98 are given in the enclosed statement.

**Statement**

*Availability and Sales of M.O.P. during the year 1996-97, 1997-98 and 1998-99 (Upto 31.10.1998)*

(Figures in 000 Mts.)

Sl. No.	States	Kharif 1996		Kharif 1997		Kharif 1998		Rabi 1996-97		Rabi 1997-98		Rabi 1998-99	
		Availability	Sales	Availability	Sales	Availability	Sales	Availability	Sales	Availability	Sales	Availability	Sales (Upto 31.10.1998)
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
1.	Andhra Pradesh	102.99	58.40	88.69	74.86	44.30	43.14	64.17	57.78	81.03	70.13	13.58	11.20
2.	Karnataka	98.34	73.28	137.07	130.66	56.10	53.85	57.46	42.92	88.46	81.80	18.18	17.01
3.	Kerala	79.03	53.24	87.97	75.81	21.52	21.50	58.29	38.32	66.52	61.63	5.03	1.66
4.	Tamilnadu	141.54	89.46	211.08	182.21	105.07	99.39	129.56	104.21	178.60	168.58	48.34	47.04
5.	Andaman & Nico.	0.02	0.02	0.18	0.18	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00				
6.	Lakshadweep	0.65	0.63	-	-	0.00	0.00	1.25	1.09				
7.	Pondicherry	-	-	3.54	2.96	2.99	2.98			3.35	2.83	0.30	0.25
8.	Gujarat	42.57	21.64	37.09	33.01	43.55	37.31	37.51	29.97	64.60	49.79	10.04	9.67
9.	Madhya Pradesh	50.00	26.60	47.28	38.88	20.25	20.14	25.16	8.72	15.48	12.44	6.54	6.06
10.	Maharashtra	113.23	55.19	123.21	116.95	67.11	66.39	80.87	49.10	94.06	93.24	6.61	6.03
11.	Rajasthan	4.99	3.26	4.68	3.14	3.14	2.92	4.18	2.97	2.33	2.31	0.28	0.25
12.	Dadra & Nagar	0.00	0.00			0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00				
13.	Goa	0.48	0.48	0.61	0.61	0.70	0.65	0.06	0.06	0.09	0.09	0.82	0.30