

Allocation of DAP fertilizers to Madhya Pradesh

†48. SHRI RAGHUNANDAN SHARMA: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) the reasons for allocation of only 3.60 lakh tonnes of D.A.P. made by Centre as against Madhya Pradesh Government's demand of 5 lakh tonnes; and

(b) the manner in which the Central Government will compensate the farmers of Madhya Pradesh who are suffering losses in agricultural production due to less allocation of D.A.P.?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI B.K. HANDIQUE): (a) and (b) DAP is a decontrolled fertilizer, its availability is decided by the market forces of demand and supply. The State Government has to tie up with different manufacturers/suppliers for supply to the State. No allocation of DAP are decided by the Government of India. The availability of DAP in Madhya Pradesh has been over and above the assessed demand during Kharif 2008 as under:

(in 000* MT)

Season	Particulars	DAP
Kharif, 2008	Demand	400.00
	Availability	535.30

Rise in prices of essential commodities

49. SHRIMATI VIPLOVE THAKUR:

SHRI S. ANBALAGAN:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that prices of essential commodities such as rice, wheat, vegetables and fruits have risen several folds during the recent months;

(b) if so, the details of increase in price of each of the above commodity during the last three months alongwith the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government propose to initiate any steps to contain the price rise of the above commodities which is very much affecting the common people; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI TASLIMUDDIN): (a) and (b) Government is aware of the increase in prices of some essential commodities. The details of prices of essential commodities such as rice wheat, vegetables and fruits at Delhi during the last three months is given in

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