

All other fertilizer (Phosphatic and Potassic) viz., DAP, MOP, SSP and NPK etc. are decontrolled/de—canalized since 1992. The availability of Phosphatic and Potassic fertilizers is decided by the market forces of demand and supply. State Government was requested from time and again to nominate States' Institutional agency/Marketing Federation to place orders for purchase/procurement of decontrolled fertilizers like DAP alongwith the payment for use by the farmers in the state at the time of need. The State Government of Assam has not been able to nominate States' Institutional Agency for procurement and distribution of the decontrolled fertilizers till date.

The availability of Urea, DAP, MOP and NPK during Kharif 2008 in Assam has been as under:

(Qty. in MT)

Fertilizer	Requirement	Availability	Sales
Urea	120,000	95,493.90	90,321.45
DAP	58,000	6,382.80	6,297.30
MOP	56,000	27,453.15	27,452.10

However, during the deliberations of the Fertilizers Advisory Forum meet held on 5th October, 2008, Department of Fertilizers advised M/s. IPL to arrange the supplies of DAP/MOP as per requirement to Assam during the month of October, 2008.

The availability of Urea, DAP and MOP during the month of October, 2008 (as on 16.10.2008) of the current Rabi 2008—09 in Assam has been as under.

(Qty. in MT)

Fertilizer	Requirement	Availability	Sales
Urea	10,800	11,500	1,180
DAP	4,500	2,500	00
MOP	4,500	2,750	00

#### Supply of fertilizers to Madhya Pradesh

†\*8. SHRI RAGHUNANDAN SHARMA: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) the supply made against the demand of 6.25 lakh tonnes of Urea, 5 lakh tonnes of D.A.P., 3 lakh tonnes of complex of N.P., 0.70 lakh tonnes of M.O.P., 3.75 lakh tonnes of Super Phosphate and 0.010 lakh tonnes of other fertilizers for Kharif 2008 of Madhya Pradesh till date; and

(b) the shortfalls in the supply, if any, and the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN): (a) and (b) Urea is the only fertilizer which is under partial movement and distribution control of the Government. Union Government ensures availability of urea at State level. State Governments

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are responsible for its distribution within the State. All other fertilizers viz. DAP, MOP, SSP and NPK etc. are decontrolled/de—canalized since 1992. The availability of Phosphatic and Potassic fertilizers is decided by the market forces of demand and supply.

The table below gives the details of demand and supply of urea, DAP, MOP and Complex fertilisers in the States of Madhya Pradesh during Kharif' 2008 season:

('000 MT)

State	Particulars	Urea	DAP	MOP	COMPLEX
Madhya Pradesh	Demand/Assessed requirement	625.00	400.00	70.00	300.00
	Supply (Availability)	630.83	535.30	88.58	146.35
	Sales	583.39	533.46	66.40	144.30

As can be seen, there is no shortage of Urea, DAP and MOP in Madhya Pradesh. However, the shortfall in availability of complex fertilisers has been compensated by additional supplies of DAP to the tune of about 1.35 lakh MT during Kharif'2008.

#### **Diseases due to untimely rains**

\*9. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that untimely rains in many parts of the country from May-June onward this year have given rise to diseases like malaria, gastroenteritis, etc.;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to check the diseases lest they assume epidemic proportions?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) to (c) As per the reports received from the States, overall there was a decline in the Malaria cases in the country during May and June 2008 and the current trend also indicates overall decline in the Malaria cases. However, the States of Andhra Pradesh, Goa, Maharashtra, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Punjab, Tripura, Uttarakhand, Andaman and Nicobar Islands and Daman and Diu have shown increase in malaria incidence during those months. The state wise details in this regard given as Statement. (See below)

Regarding cholera, the available data from National Institute of Communicable Diseases (NICD) laboratory and Municipal Corporation of Delhi do not show any increase in cases of cholera in the year 2008 as compared to the year 2007.

With respect to the steps taken by the Government to check the diseases lest they assume epidemic proportions, the States were alerted in view of unusual rains during month of May—June for taking preventive measures in respect of Malaria and other vector borne diseases. The situation was also reviewed with the States by the Union Secretary of Health and Family Welfare