

As can be seen, availability of Urea and DAP is comfortable. However, there may be little tightness in availability of complex (NPK) fertilizers because of lower level of indigenous production and also as can not be imported as these are not covered under existing concession scheme. There may be a slight shortage of MOP in the month of July. The MOP importers have already entered into supply contracts and arrivals of imported MOP vessels will start soon, which will improve supplies of MOP to Karnataka.

The State Governments, as the enforcement agencies, are adequately empowered under Fertiliser Control Order, 1985 to take appropriate action against any offender who indulges in any kind of malpractices including black marketing, artificial shortage and hoarding etc.

Fertilizers subsidy

3072. SHRI RAMA CHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount released for fertilizer subsidy for the years 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008 and whether the benefit of subsidy is actually reaching the farmers;

(b) what is the total requirement of fertilizers for the country and per hectare utilization of fertilizers, national average as also, State-wise; and

(c) whether Government is thinking of any alternative option to give subsidy to farmers directly?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SRIKANT JENA): (a) The expenditure on fertilizer subsidy is as below:—

(Rs. in crore)

Item	Amount of Subsidy (Gross) disbursed				
	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Imported Urea	742.37	2140.88	5071.06	9934.99	12971.18
Indigenous Urea	10243.15	10652.57	12650.37	12950.37	17968.74
Cash Bonds	—	—	—	3500.00	3000.00
Imported P&K	1165.18	2097.00	3649.95	5100.00	23847.69
Cash Bonds	—	—	—	1500.00	8750.00
Indigenous P&K	3977.00	4499.19	6648.16	7833.80	24707.10
Cash Bonds	—	—	—	2500.00	8250.00
TOTAL:	16127.70	19389.64	28019.54	43319.16	99494.71

Further, in the current year, the estimated requirement of fertilizer subsidy has been assessed at Rs. 77,425.19 crore. (gross)

The fertilizer subsidy is transferred to the farmers in the form of subsidized Maximum Retail Price of fertilizers which is below the normated delivered cost at farm gate level.

(b) Requirement of major fertilizers for the last five years is as under:—

(In lakh tones)				
Years	UREA	DAP	MOP	Complexes
2004-05	214.08	70.60	23.21	63.42
2005-06	234.26	78.03	28.89	74.40
2006-07	249.46	81.29	33.24	82.90
2007-08	271.72	89.21	36.13	87.40
2008-09	281.33	94.83	37.86	92.32

National average (All India) as well as State-wise per hectare consumption (N+P+K) is given in the Statement (*See below*).

(c) There are proposals from various stakeholders including industry to review the current fertilizer subsidy regime and look at various alternatives including direct subsidy to farmers. The Government intends to move towards a nutrient based subsidy regime instead of the current nutrient based pricing regime, in order to ensure balanced application of fertilizers and increase in agricultural productivity, which can consequently lead to better returns to the farmers. However, no final decision has been taken yet.

Statement

State-wise per hectare consumption of fertilizers (N+P+K) during 2007-08.

(Kg.)					
Sl. No.	State/UT	N	P	K	Total
1	2	3	4	5	6
1.	Andhra Pradesh	121.80	54.25	32.17	208.23
2.	Karnataka	63.54	31.10	26.56	121.19
3.	Kerala	31.96	14.64	24.78	71.38
4.	Tamil Nadu	92.99	39.04	52.06	184.09
5.	Puducherry	556.67	238.06	237.78	1032.50
6.	Andaman and Nicobar Islands	27.86	25.71	8.57	62.14
7.	Lakshadweep	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

1	2	3	4	5	6
8.	Gujarat	86.27	34.79	11.97	133.03
9.	Madhya Pradesh	39.56	21.39	3.77	64.72
10.	Chhattisgarh	47.50	20.40	9.19	77.09
11.	Maharashtra	55.98	28.42	18.65	103.05
12.	Rajasthan	32.75	12.10	0.97	45.82
13.	Goa	20.17	10.70	10.58	41.45
14.	Daman and Diu	126.67	20.00	10.00	156.67
15.	Dadra and Nagar Haveli	20.36	14.29	1.79	36.43
16.	Haryana	146.93	40.24	3.69	190.86
17.	Punjab	164.78	43.08	4.81	212.67
18.	Uttar Pradesh	106.66	31.85	7.06	145.57
19.	Uttarakhand	93.02	19.94	8.29	121.26
20.	Himachal Pradesh	34.15	9.41	9.20	52.76
21.	Jammu and Kashmir	50.03	15.24	4.22	69.48
22.	Delhi	6.98	1.86	0.23	9.07
23.	Chandigarh	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
24.	Bihar	122.61	25.27	11.13	159.01
25.	Jharkhand	33.83	17.34	3.69	54.86
26.	Orissa	31.36	13.46	7.26	52.08
27.	West Bengal	71.05	40.04	31.60	142.68
28.	Assam	29.09	15.37	15.76	60.21
29.	Tripura	25.65	8.84	7.45	41.94
30.	Manipur	64.06	15.00	5.80	84.87
31.	Maghalaya	9.58	4.57	1.25	15.40
32.	Nagaland	1.16	0.62	0.30	2.07
33.	Arunachal Pradesh	1.64	0.69	0.33	2.65
34.	Mizoram	20.78	11.52	9.78	42.07
35.	Sikkim	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
ALL INDIA:		74.43	28.47	13.61	116.51