January this year with a view to give Government a commanding position in the foodgrains trade in the country.

FERTILISER SUPPLY TO UTTAR PRADESH

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Wiii the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICUL-TURE be pleased to state.

- (a) whether it is a fact that against the target of 7:50 lakh tons of fertiliser consumption only 1:70 lakh tons were made available to Uttar Pradesh in 1964; and
- (b) if so, what is the target for 1965 and what steps Government propose to take to ensure that a better supply is made available to the State during the current year to enable better farm production?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHAH NAWAZ KHAN): (a) The targets of consumption of fertilisers of Uttar Pradesh for 1964-65 are as under:-

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Nitrogenous fertilisers-5,00,000 tonnes in terms of ammonium sulphate.

Phosphatic fertilisers—1,20,000 tonnes in terms of superphosphate.

Only nitrogenous fertilisers are made available to the State Governments by the Ministry of Food and Agriculture from the Central Fertiliser Pool. The allotments of various kinds of nitrogenous fertilisers made in favour of the State Government for 1964-65 and the quantity actually sup plied till 28th February 1965 against 'he allotments are mentioned below:-

Kind of fertiliser	Quantity allotted . for 1964-65	Quantity supplied till 28-2-65	Remarks
Sulphate of Ammonia	73,445	49,000	
Urea	13,325	8,200	Further supplies are in progress.
Ammonium Sulphate Nitrate .	15,354	13,526	
Calcium Ammonium Nitrate .	1,10,899	88,670	\$
Total in terms of ammonium sul- phate	2,33,474	1,73,050	<u> i</u>

The allotment to the State Government was made having regard to large carryover stocks amounting to 3,31,000 tonnes in terms of ammonium sulphate on 1st April 1064. Even otherwise nitrogenous fertilisers were/ are in short supply as compared to the demand.

As regards phosphatic fertilisers, the State Government have to purchase their requirements direct from the manufacturers. During 1964-65, the demand of the State Government was for 75,000 tonnes of superphosphate. The total offtake is likely of the order of 32,500 tonnes.

(b) The following are the targets of consumption of fertilisers for the year 1965-66:-

Nitrogenous fertilisers—6,00,000 tonnes in terms of ammonium stil phate.

Phosphatic fertilisers—1.11,440 tonnes in terms of superphosphate.

Availability of nitrogenous fertilisers during 196566 is expected to be better than in 1964-65. Accordingly it is expected that the total supply of nitrogenous fertilisers to Uttar Pradesh will improve in 1965-66.

As regards phosphatic fertilisers, the State Government have estimated their demand for 1965-66 at 50,000 tonnes superphosphate which is likely to be met.