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Rajasthan	335.00	364.84	17.00	6.52	270.10	70.45	192.44	262.89
Haryana	585.00	615.20	25.00	11.11	225.00	72.98	221.62	294.60
Punjab	1050.00	1069.24	36.00	19.40	360.00	51.95	246.98	298.93
Himachal Pradesh	32.50	31.23	0.35	0.00	7.90	2.00	7.96	9.96
Jammu and Kashmir	54.50	39.98	9.00	0.00	35.00	0.99	23.56	24.55
Uttar Pradesh	2125.00	1700.62	90.00	46.12	984.00	256.93	600.84	857.77
Uttarakhand	91.00	100.34	4.50	0.79	42.00	0.00	28.85	28.85
Bihar	515.00	437.43	50.00	15.18	300.00	0.40	184.83	185.23
Jharkhand	88.00	66.41	15.00	1.83	85.50	0.55	40.47	41.02
Orissa	180.00	168.26	69.50	25.15	236.25	7.88	198.85	206.73
West Bengal	256.50	323.78	97.05	31.48	442.45	27.12	321.51	348.63
Assam	92.40	76.69	39.60	10.60	18.15	7.50	14.37	21.87
ALL INDIA	9445.997	8889.9	1343.00	631.10	7719.00	1754.57	6079.70	7834.27

Allocation of additional fertilizers to Andhra Pradesh

1422. DR. K.V.P. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether in view of erratic rains in Andhra Pradesh and farmers facing problems it is proposed to allocate additional fertilizers to Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SRIKANT JENA): (a) to (c) Urea is the only fertilizer under partial movement, distribution and statutory price control of Government of India. All other fertilizers viz. DAP, MOP, SSP and NPK etc. are decontrolled/de-canalized since 1992 and are imported under Open General Licence (OGL). The availability of these P&K fertilizers is decided by the market forces of demand and supply. Union Government monitors availability of fertilizers at State level and State Governments are responsible for further distribution within the State. The availability of urea, phosphatic fertilizers (DAP/NPK) and MOP in Andhra Pradesh during current Kharif 2011 (April'11 to July'11) are as under:

(Figures in '000 MTs)

Kharif 2011 (April'11 to July'11)

Fertilizer Grade	Requirement	Stock pre-positioned	Supplies	Availability	Sales
Urea	800.00	—	725.67	725.67	682.79
Phosphate (DAP+NPK)	940.00	159.68	907.86	1067.54	1022.08
MOP	150.00	—	72.43	72.43	71.13

As can be seen, the availability of urea is adequate. Similarly, the availability of phosphatic fertilizers *i.e.* DAP/NPK during current Kharif, 2011 (April'11 to July'11) has been comfortable throughout the country. There is tightness in availability of MOP during current year. There is no viable source of Potash in the country as such the entire demand of MOP is met through imports. During the current year, contracting for import of MOP could not be materialized due to substantial increase of prices in the International market. However, the breakthrough in contracting of MOP has just been achieved. It is expected that MOP imports would start arriving with effect from first week of September, 2011. As a result, MOP availability for direct application as well as for indigenous production of NPK fertilizers would improve.

De-control of fertilizers

†1423. SHRIMATI MAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is aware of the financial burden and other effects being faced by farmers due to continuous price hike of fertilizers in the country;
- (b) the details of steps taken by Government to ensure easy availability of fertilizers and accessibility to farmers;
- (c) whether it is a fact that this situation has emerged due to decontrol of fertilizers by Government; and
- (d) whether any study has been conducted by Government to ascertain the beneficiary of decontrolling fertilizers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SRIKANT JENA): (a) The Government has introduced Nutrient Based Subsidy (NBS) Policy for decontrolled Phosphatic and Potassic fertilizers w.e.f. 1.4.2010. The NBS is applicable on 22 grades of P&K fertilizers namely, Di-Ammonium Phosphate (DAP), DAP Lite, Muriate of Potash (MOP), 15 grades of NPKS complex

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.