

fertilizers (DAP/NPK) and MOP in Andhra Pradesh during Kharif, 2011 are as under:—

(Figures in lakh MT)

Kharif, 2011

Fertilizer Grade	Requirement	Stock pre-positioned	Availability with pre-positioning stock
Urea	15.00	—	14.66
Phosphate (DAP+NPK)	18.80	1.60	*18.83
MOP	3.25	—	0.82

*including stock pre-positioned

As can be seen, the availability of urea is adequate. Similarly, the availability of phosphatic fertilizers *i.e.* DAP/NPK (together with stock pre-positioned) during the year 2011-12 (April'11 to October'11) has been comfortable. 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 and cartelization by MOP producers in the International market. However, the breakthrough in contracting of MOP has been achieved. As a result, MOP availability for direct application as well as for indigenous production of NPK fertilizers is comfortable during Rabi'11-12.

Shortage of fertilizers

†502. SHRI SHIVANAND TIWARI:

SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that farmers are not getting chemical fertilizers according to their demands;

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto;

(c) whether it is also a fact that due to the shortage in availability of fertilizers, these are being sold at high rates in the black market; and

(d) if so, the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND

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FERTILIZERS (SHRI SRIKANT JENA): (a) to (d) Urea is the only fertilizer under partial movement, distribution and statutory price control and it is imported for direct agriculture use on Government account to bridge the gap between assessed demand and indigenous production. 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 State-wise demand (Requirement) and supply (Availability) of major fertilizers namely Urea, MOP and phosphatic fertilizers (DAP+NPK) during the year 2011-12 (April'11 to October'11) are given in the Statement (See below). As can be seen, the availability of urea is adequate. Similarly, the availability of phosphatic fertilizers i.e. DAP/NPK during the year 2011-12 (April'11 to October'11) has been adequate 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 and cartelization by MOP producers in the International market. However, the breakthrough in contracting of MOP has been achieved. As a result, MOP availability for direct application as well as for indigenous production of NPK fertilizers is comfortable in Rabi'11-12.

Under clause 21 of the Fertilizer Control Order (FCO), 1985, it is mandatory to print the maximum retail price on the container of all kinds of fertilizers, whether under statutory price control or out of the purview of the statutory price control. No person shall charge higher than the price printed on the bag. Any person violating this mandatory provision of FCO is held liable to be proceeded against for administrative/punitive measures under the provisions of FCO and Essential Commodities Act. The State Governments are the enforcement agencies and are adequately empowered to take appropriate action against the offender who indulges in any kind of malpractices.

Statement

Cumulative Availability of fertilizers during 11-12 (April to October)

State	Urea		MOP		Phosphatic fertilizers (DAP + NPK)		
	Requirement	Availability	Requirement	Availability	Requirement	Stocks pre-positioned	Availability with pre-positioned stock
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Andhra Pradesh	1820.00	1724.48	405.00	131.07	2230.00	159.68	2326.82
Karnataka	950.00	905.89	350.00	144.54	1428.00	385.20	1737.05
Kerala	115.00	100.33	115.00	75.54	203.00	11.81	169.70
Tamil Nadu	628.00	516.01	286.00	157.84	640.00	65.01	727.26
Gujarat	1310.00	1280.58	138.00	82.39	934.20	114.71	932.89
Madhya Pradesh	871.47	918.90	122.28	31.89	1101.14	189.88	992.93
Chhattisgarh	497.50	427.14	89.50	21.33	339.67	64.47	330.01
Maharashtra	1695.00	1654.62	375.00	110.58	2276.00	265.07	2085.52
Rajasthan	715.00	831.85	35.00	13.19	639.50	70.45	631.92
Haryana	995.00	1022.81	45.00	18.35	595.00	72.98	573.40

Punjab	1550.00	1531.40	71.00	35.10	905.00	51.95	734.96
Himachal Pradesh	41.00	31.23	3.50	0.00	28.00	2.00	9.96
Jammu and Kashmir	81.20	5.98	14.38	1.33	47.79	0.99	33.79
Uttar Pradesh	2900.00	3019.47	215.00	58.33	2105.00	256.93	1870.19
Uttarakhand	130.00	141.37	6.60	0.79	57.00	0.00	48.13
Bihar	1085.00	948.98	125.00	25.55	535.00	0.40	429.65
Jharkhand	181.25	150.52	26.00	1.83	153.00	0.55	84.59
Orissa	475.00	406.41	130.17	27.80	404.23	7.88	337.85
West Bengal	595.00	589.73	181.96	41.73	790.25	27.12	678.42
Assam	154.40	145.52	67.20	13.24	32.90	7.50	32.65
ALL INDIA :	16789.82	16457.62	2801.59	1001.05	15434.68	1754.57	14777.23