

**Demand and supply of urea and fertilizers to West Bengal**

412. SHRI VIVEK GUPTA: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the demand for urea and fertilizers made by Government of West Bengal from the Central Government during the last three years;
- (b) the details of the allotment of urea and fertilizers made *vis-a-vis* the demand so made;
- (c) the reasons for not making allocation of fertilizers to States by Central Government according to their demands; and
- (d) whether Government proposes to frame any policy for 2014-15 with regard to meeting the demand of the States; and if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI NIHAL CHAND): (a) to (c) A statement showing demand for urea and fertilizers made by Government of West Bengal from the Central Government during the last three years *i.e.* 2011-12, 2012-13 and 2013-14 and quantity made available is given in Statement (*See below*).

It can be seen from the Statement that the availability *vis-a-vis* the sales have been adequate and comfortable in the State of West Bengal.

(d) As per extant practice, Department of Fertilizers is taking following steps to ensure adequate supply of subsidized chemical fertilizers to each State/UT:

- (i) The month-wise demand is assessed and projected by the Department of Agriculture and Cooperation (DAC) in consultation with the State Governments before commencement of each cropping season.
- (ii) On the basis of month-wise and State-wise projection given by Department of Agriculture and Cooperation, Department of Fertilizers allocates sufficient/adequate quantities of fertilizers to States by issuing monthly supply plan and continuously monitors the availability through following system;
- (iii) The movement of all major subsidized fertilizers is being monitored throughout the country by an on-line web based monitoring system ([www.urvarak.co.in](http://www.urvarak.co.in)) also called as Fertilizer Monitoring System (FMS);
- (iv) The State Governments are regularly advised to coordinate with manufacturers and importers of fertilizers for streamlining the supplies through timely placement of indents for railway rakes through their State institutional agencies like Markfed etc.
- (v) Regular weekly video conference is conducted jointly by Department of Agriculture and Cooperation (DAC), Department of Fertilizers (DoF), and Ministry of Railways with State Agriculture Officials and corrective actions are taken to dispatch fertilizer as indicated by the State Governments.
- (vi) The gap in the demand and domestic production of fertilizer is met through imports.

**Statement**

(Figures in LMT)

*Requirement, Availability and Sales of Fertilizers during 2010-11 to 2014-15 (Upto June '14)*

| State       | Year    | Urea             |                   |       | DAP              |                   |       | MOP              |                   |       | NPK              |                   |       |
|-------------|---------|------------------|-------------------|-------|------------------|-------------------|-------|------------------|-------------------|-------|------------------|-------------------|-------|
|             |         | Require-<br>ment | Availa-<br>bility | Sales | Require-<br>ment | Availa-<br>bility | Sales | Require-<br>ment | Availa-<br>bility | Sales | Require-<br>ment | Availa-<br>bility | Sales |
|             | 2010-11 | 13.00            | 11.26             | 11.26 | 5.10             | 4.63              | 4.62  | 4.00             | 3.29              | 3.23  | 8.25             | 8.95              | 8.76  |
|             | 2011-12 | 13.25            | 12.76             | 12.74 | 5.10             | 5.03              | 4.76  | 4.00             | 3.04              | 3.02  | 9.00             | 8.96              | 8.13  |
| West Bengal | 2012-13 | 13.50            | 14.02             | 13.87 | 5.25             | 4.34              | 4.25  | 4.25             | 2.18              | 2.16  | 8.28             | 8.01              | 7.90  |
|             | 2013-14 | 14.50            | 12.50             | 12.39 | 5.50             | 2.56              | 2.44  | 2.87             | 2.15              | 2.08  | 9.50             | 7.26              | 6.82  |
|             | 2014-15 | 1.75             | 2.76              | 2.25  | 0.36             | 0.48              | 0.33  | 0.29             | 0.33              | 0.18  | 0.72             | 1.52              | 0.88  |