

(Figures in LMTs)

Month	Requirement	Availability
January, 2015	1.64	2.39
February, 2015	0.28	1.23

As is evident the availability of urea in Madhya Pradesh during January, 2015 and February, 2015 was more than the actual requirement even for March, 2015 against projected requirement of 0.14 LMT of urea, Department of Fertilizers has allocated 1.43 LMTs of urea.

Government of Madhya Pradesh reported that insecticides were available at all points of sales and insecticides were not distributed in the presence of Police during Rabi season (January-February, 2015).

For provision of seeds to farmers various policies and programmes are implemented by the Department of Agriculture and Cooperation (DAC) viz. the New Policy on Seed Development, 1988, the National Food Security Mission (NFSM), National Mission on Oil Seeds and Oil Palm (NMOOP), Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY), National Mission on Agriculture Extension and Technology (submission on Seeds and Planting Material) etc. The availability of certified/quality seeds in the country for 2014-15 is 351.76 lakh quintals against the demand of 343.55 lakh quintals.

Revamping of Jan Aushadhi Scheme

1807. SHRI DEVENDER GOUD T. : Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is planning to revamp Jan Aushadhi Scheme;
- (b) if so, the failures that have been identified in the scheme;
- (c) whether the Scheme has failed because doctors have not been prescribing generic medicines; and
- (d) the efforts Government is making to ensure that Government doctors in Government hospitals prescribe generic medicines?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI HANSRAJ GANGARAM AHIR) : (a) 178 Jan Aushadhi Stores have been opened across the country since the inception of the scheme against which only

98 are functional as on date. The scheme is being revisited to expand its reach across the country. Details are being worked out by Bureau of Pharma Public Sector Undertakings of India (BPPI) in consultation with Department of Pharmaceuticals.

(b) and (c) The third party evaluation of Public Health Foundation of India noted five major reasons for under performance of the scheme:

- (i) Over dependence on support from State Government;
- (ii) Poor Supply Chain Management;
- (iii) Non-prescription of Generic Medicines;
- (iv) Health Policies of Central/State Governments-Free Supply of Drugs;
- (v) Lack of awareness.

(vi) Wherever Jan Aushadhi Stores have been opened, the concerned State Governments are issuing instructions/guidelines to their Doctors in the Government Hospitals to prescribe generic medicines. Similar instructions are also reported to have been issued by the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare to the Doctors to prescribe medicines in generic names. In addition BPPI is engaging Indian Medical Association and other Doctors in the initiative.

Adequate supply of fertilizers at reasonable rates

†1808. SHRI NARENDRA KUMAR KASHYAP: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

- (a) the steps proposed to be taken by the Government to provide fertilizers in sufficient quantity and at reasonable prices;
- (b) whether fertilizer companies have launched a toll-free number for farmers;
- (c) if so, the names of such companies along with the details of their toll-free numbers;
- (d) whether fertilizers companies are organizing farmer fairs in various parts of the country;
- (e) if so, the details and the purpose thereof; and

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.