

Shortage of urea in Jharkhand and Gujarat

691. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether farmers had to face huge shortage of urea in Jharkhand and Gujarat during the last several days;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether Government has reduced the share of urea for these States;
- (d) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (e) if not, the quantum of urea supplied to these States?

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI D.V. SADANANDA GOWDA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) In view of (a) above, question does not arise.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) In view of (c) above, question does not arise.

(e) The projected requirement, availability and sales position of urea in Rabi' 2019-20 (upto 31.01.2020) in the State of Jharkhand and Gujarat is as follows:

(Figures in 000' MTs)

State	Projected Requirement	Availability	DBT Sales
Jharkhand	70	148.82	85.34
Gujarat	880	1154.75	971.29

Source: e-urvarak Dashboard

Sale of sanitary napkins under Suvidha scheme

692. SHRI DEREK O'BRIEN: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of sanitary napkins that have been sold under Suvidha scheme at ₹1, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government is aware that there is a shortfall in the supply of sanitary napkins under Suvidha scheme in Jan Aushadi stores as compared to its demand, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government plans on increasing the production of Suvidha sanitary napkins, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI D. V. SADANANDA GOWDA): (a) As on 31.01.2020 more than 1.27 crore pads of Suvidha Sanitary Napkins priced at ₹1/- per pad have been sold through Jan Aushadhi Kendras across the country.

(b) After re-launch of Suvidha pads @ ₹1/- per pad, a huge upsurge in demand is observed, which is more than 5 times of normal demand. As a result, the temporary gap is faced between demand and supply. Demand since 27.08.2019 is of 1.88 Crore pads and supply during the said period is 1.27 crore pads.

(c) In order to cope with the upsurge in demand, Bureau of Pharma PSUs of India (BPPI), the implementing agency of Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Pariyojana (PMBJP) has entered into a rate contract with three vendors for procurement of approx. 8 crore pads per annum. Purchase orders are already issued for 3.10 crore pads. Further, ready stock of 18.16 lakh pads is available with BPPI. The details thereof are given in Statement.

Statement

*State-wise sales of Suvidha Sanitary Napkins for F.Y. 2018-19 and
F.Y. 2019-20 (as on 09.12.2019)*

(Value in ₹)

Sl. No.	Name of State/UT	Financial Year 2018-19			Financial Year 2019-20 (as on 09.12.2019)		
		Packs	Units	Value	Packs	Units	Value
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
1.	Andaman and Nicobar Islands	2500	10000	25000	2000	8000	20000

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
2.	Andhra Pradesh	23325	93300	233250	8140	32560	50920
3.	Arunachal Pradesh	200	800	2000	1200	4800	6000
4.	Assam	24180	96720	241800	15810	63240	92898
5.	Bihar	23030	92120	230300	19370	77480	112730
6.	Chandigarh	25500	102000	255000	21050	84200	157400
7.	Chhattisgarh	8856	35424	88560	47470	189880	232420
8.	Dadra and Nagar Haveli	100	400	1000	1000	4000	4000
9.	Delhi	54951	219804	549510	108914	435656	523604
10.	Goa	130	520	1300	1000	4000	4000
11.	Gujarat	256239	1024956	2562390	226115	904460	1037060
12.	Haryana	13430	53720	134300	76050	304200	642600
13.	Himachal Pradesh	610	2440	6100	440	1760	3560
14.	Jammu and Kashmir	20501	82004	205010	22727	90908	167870
15.	Jharkhand	25087	100348	250870	50737	202948	240448
16.	Karnataka	499587	1998348	4995870	258489	1033956	1984764
17.	Kerala	188025	752100	1880250	78753	315012	440508
18.	Madhya Pradesh	40074	160296	400740	109298	437192	510260
19.	Maharashtra	61192	244768	611920	52573	210292	254116
20.	Manipur	150	600	1500	1000	4000	4000
21.	Meghalaya	800	3200	8000	1300	5200	13000
22.	Mizoram	17750	71000	177500	20065	80260	172660
23.	Nagaland	120	480	1200	9878	39512	62168
24.	Odisha	92027	368108	920270	122015	488060	667580
25.	Puducherry	6480	25920	64800	1150	4600	10900
26.	Punjab	87000	348000	870000	121748	486992	644744
27.	Rajasthan	62112	248448	621120	76780	307120	355360
28.	Tamil Nadu	101865	407460	1018650	61344	245376	397806

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
29. Telangana		58840	235360	588400	9242	36968	52268
30. Tripura		2800	11200	28000	1000	4000	4000
31. Uttar Pradesh		356870	1427480	3568700	398337	1593348	2271510
32. Uttarakhand		64150	256600	641500	62783	251132	359078
33. West Bengal		104580	418320	1045800	76970	307880	381326
TOTAL		2223061	8892244	22230610	2064748	8258992	11881558

Energy efficiency in fertilizer industry

693. SHRI R. VAITHILINGAM: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that country's fertilizer industry is improving on energy efficiency and cutting on greenhouse gases;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that several of them are slacking on water consumption and water pollution parameters; and

(d) whether it is also a fact that some plants are also getting affected because of lack of water and their water sources are getting depleted and disappearing very fast; if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI D. V. SADANANDA GOWDA): (a) and (b) The Government had notified New Urea Policy (NUP)-2015 on 25th May, 2015 for existing gas based urea manufacturing units with the objective of maximizing indigenous urea production, promoting energy efficiency in urea production and rationalizing subsidy burden on the Government. As per NUP-2015, energy norms of 25 gas based urea units were revised w.e.f. 1st June, 2015. Further, these units were given target energy norms for the year 2018-19. Similarly, *vide* Policy Notification dated 17th June, 2015, Energy Norms for the 3 Naphtha based urea units were revised and target energy norms for the year 2018-19 were given.

Subsequently, *vide* notification dated 28th March, 2018, target energy norms were enforced w.e.f. 1st April, 2018 in respect of 11 urea manufacturing units. However, for