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Shortage of fertilizers

177 SHRI Y.S. CHOWDARY:

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

- (a) whether Government is aware that recently farmers have experienced shortage of Di- Ammonium Phosphate (DAP), urea, and other fertilizers in the country;
- (b) if so, the steps taken to ensure that adequate quantity of fertilizers is sent to the needy States, with details; and
- (c) whether any action plan has been chalked out to ensure dispatch of required quantity of fertilizers and pesticides to various states in the future, if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE AND CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS
(SHRI MANSUKH MANDAVIYA)

- (a): No Sir. Fertilizer availability including of Di- Ammonium Phosphate (DAP), Urea during the ongoing Rabi Season 2021-22 has remained comfortable.
- (b): The following steps are being taken by the Government to meet the adequate requirement of fertilizers in all the States:
 - (i) Before the commencement of each cropping season, Department of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare (DA&FW), in consultation with all the State Governments, assesses the requirement of fertilizers. After assessment of requirement, DA&FW projects month-wise requirement of fertilizers.
 - (ii) On the basis of month-wise & State-wise projection given by DA&FW, Department of Fertilizers allocates sufficient/ adequate quantities of fertilizers to States by issuing monthly supply plan and continuously monitors the availability.
 - (iii) The movement of all major subsidized fertilizers is being monitored throughout the country by an on-line web based monitoring system called integrated Fertilizer Monitoring System (iFMS);
 - (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 & Farmers Welfare (DA&FW) and Department of Fertilizers (DoF) with State Agriculture Officials and corrective actions are taken to dispatch fertilizer as indicated by the State Governments.
- (vi) The gap between demand (requirement) and production for Urea & other fertilizer is met through imports. The import for the season is also finalised well in advance to ensure timely availability. P&K Fertilizers are de-controlled in the country.
- (vii) Concerns raised by various State Governments are addressed from time to time.

(c): Yes Sir. The following action plan has been chalked out to ensure dispatch of required quantity of fertilizers to various states in the future:

- (i) An attempt has been made to assess the field requirement in consultation with the states and accordingly, the district wise micro planning has been done which is being executed on daily basis.
- (ii) 24x7 interactions with the state governments, companies and railways have been established through web platforms/control room.
- (iii) The stake holders viz., manufacturers, ports, railways have been sensitized to operate on maximum capacity to produce, load, and move the fertilizers to the targeted destinations.
- (iv) State Governments are impressed upon to use i-FMS dashboard stock figures for district wise stock availability and suitable interventions. Same source is used by DoF so as to be on board with states and closely oversee the recommended movement for each district rake point.
- (v) The loading and voyage time of imported DAP shipments is being monitored on daily basis and required suitable interventions are being made from time to time.
- (vi) Every day there is a close monitoring 24x7 and regular interaction with states, fertilizer companies and railway board. As 90% of the fertilizers are moved through railway rakes, so the loading and movement of these rakes is being executed in a very targeted manner (in consultation with respective state governments), so as to address the field demand.
