

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS  
DEPARTMENT OF FERTILIZERS

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**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 981 TO BE ANSWERED ON: 12.12.2023**

**Shortage of fertilizers**

**981: DR. C.M. RAMESH:**

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

- (a) whether there is acute shortage of fertilizers in various States of the country and as a result, farmers are facing lot of hardships;
- (b) whether Government proposes to import fertilizers to meet the shortage of fertilizers in the country, if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the details of import of fertilizers from abroad during the last three years, country-wise?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF STATE FOR CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS  
**(SHRI BHAGWANTH KHUBA)**

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(a) : The availability of fertilizers has remained comfortable across all the states in the country during the ongoing Rabi Season 2023-24 as per the table below:

<b>ALL INDIA POSITION FOR RABI 2023-24 (UPTO 07/12/2023) IN LMT</b>				
<b>S.No.</b>	<b>Product</b>	<b>Seasonal Requirement for RABI 2023-24</b>	<b>Pro rata Requirement From 01-10-2023 to 07/12/2023</b>	<b>Availability from 01-10-2023 to 07/12/2023</b>
<b>1</b>	UREA	185.41	85.94	128.51
<b>2</b>	DAP	54.99	36.68	41.77
<b>3</b>	MOP	12.6	6.28	10.05
<b>4</b>	NPKS	63.6	31.94	56.44

(b): The requirement of fertilizers in the country is assessed by DA&FW in coordination with the State Governments. This requirement is met through indigenous production and timely imports. In case of Urea, the imports are done on Government account through 3 designated STEs namely Indian Potash Ltd. (IPL), Rashtriya Chemicals & Fertilizers Ltd. (RCF) & National Fertilizers Ltd. (NFL) and through long term contracts for Urea imports from OQ trading (OMAN). Government imports Urea on

a regular basis to bridge the gap between the demand and indigenous production. Further, P&K fertilizers are under Open General License and companies are importing these fertilizers to meet the demand based upon their commercial considerations.

(c): The details of import of fertilizers from abroad during 2020-21 to 2022-23 is enclosed as per **Annexure**.

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Country Wise Import of Fertilizers during 2020-21 to 2022-23												
<i>&lt;Figures in Lakh MT)</i>												
Country Name	2020-21				2021-22				2022-23			
	Urea	DAP	MOP	NPK	Urea	DAP	MOP	NPK	Urea	DAP	MOP	NPK
<b>Algeria</b>	0.44	-	-	-	1.72	-	-	-	3.07	-	-	-
<b>Australia</b>	-	-	-	-	-	0.52	-	-	-	1.51	-	-
<b>Bahrain</b>	2.14	-	-	-	2.28	-	-	-	1.77	-	-	-
<b>Canada</b>	-	-	11.88	-	-	-	3.41	-	-	-	7.20	-
<b>China</b>	29.74	11.44	-	0.57	25.91	18.15	-	-	12.80	12.17	-	0.83
<b>CIS+Belarus</b>	-	-	8.12	-	-	-	6.35	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Egypt</b>	11.55	0.84	-	-	7.43	0.68	-	-	2.63	-	-	-
<b>Estonia</b>	-	-	-	-	0.16	-	-	-	0.09	-	-	-
<b>Finland</b>	2.08	-	-	-	1.52	-	-	-	7.69	-	-	-
<b>Germany</b>	-	-	1.81	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Georgia</b>	-	-	-	-	2.00	-	-	-	1.98	-	-	-
<b>Indonesia</b>	6.59	-	-	1.94	2.33	-	-	0.63	1.34	-	-	0.27
<b>Israel</b>	-	-	3.91	-	-	-	5.22	-	-	0.44	6.38	-
<b>Jordan</b>	-	2.19	5.01	0.96	-	2.07	3.87	0.35	-	1.65	4.09	0.12
<b>Latvia</b>	-	-	-	-	1.06	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Libya</b>	-	-	-	-	0.47	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Lithuania</b>	-	-	4.28	-	-	-	5.21	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Nigeria</b>	-	-	-	-	1.69	-	-	-	1.39	-	-	-
<b>Malaysia</b>	0.88	-	-	-	1.75	-	-	-	1.59	-	-	-
<b>MEXICO</b>	-	-	-	-	-	0.61	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Morocco</b>	-	14.51	-	0.28	-	11.60	-	1.66	-	17.47	-	-
<b>Oman</b>	21.45	-	-	-	15.88	-	-	-	19.60	-	0.14	-
<b>Qatar</b>	0.93	-	-	-	3.87	-	-	-	5.02	-	-	-
<b>Russia</b>	0.94	2.84	7.26	8.11	2.80	1.96	0.54	5.72	6.26	9.24	0.85	22.21

<b>Saudi-Arabia</b>	1.95	16.18	-	1.77	4.92	18.59	-	3.08	4.61	21.22	-	2.70
<b>South Korea</b>	-	-	-	0.27	-	-	-	0.26	-	-	-	1.07
<b>Turkey</b>	-	0.37	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.32
<b>TUNISIA</b>	-	-	-	-	-	0.44	-	-	-	0.85	-	-
<b>UAE</b>	8.22	-	-	-	7.95	-	-	-	4.16	-	-	-
<b>Ukraine</b>	10.39	-	-	-	5.89	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>USA</b>	-	0.45	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.49	1.28	-	-
<b>Vietnam</b>	0.96	-	-	-	1.73	-	-	-	1.31	-	-	-
<b>Grand Total:</b>	<b>98.26</b>	<b>48.82</b>	<b>42.27</b>	<b>13.90</b>	<b>91.36</b>	<b>54.62</b>	<b>24.60</b>	<b>11.70</b>	<b>75.80</b>	<b>65.83</b>	<b>18.66</b>	<b>27.52</b>

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