Government Enhances Gas Supplies: Urea Production up by 23%

Kharif 2026 Secured: Fertilizer Imports Diversified to Insulate Indian Farmers

Bulk of Fertiliser to be in Indian warehouses before March-End

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Amid recent developments in West Asia, the Government of India has successfully executed a multi-pronged strategy to stabilize and increase fertilizer availability ahead of the Kharif 2026 season. Through a combination of domestic production hikes and a sophisticated global procurement strategy, the Department of Fertilizers has moved to insulate Indian farmers from global supply chain volatilities.

Gas Supply through Global Tender

Government has successfully concluded EPMC (Empowered Pool Management Committee) bidding for natural gas, a move that directly translates to more Urea on the ground. By securing an additional 7.31 MMSCMD (Million Metric Standard Cubic Meters per Day) of gas on a spot basis, the total supply to Urea plants has jumped by 23% (from 32 MMSCMD to 39.31 MMSCMD).

This technical intervention is set to yield immediate results: domestic Urea production is projected to climb by almost 23% i.e. from 54,500 MT/day to 67,000 MT/day. Crucially, this brings the plants' gas requirement fulfillment to 76% of their average needs, up significantly from the previous 62%.

Comfortable Stock Position

The government's proactive stance is further validated by the current stock levels, which show a significantly stronger position compared to the same period last year. Total Urea stocks currently stand at 61.14 LMT, up from 55.22 LMT in March 2025. Most notably, DAP stocks have more than doubled to 24.24 LMT, providing a substantial cushion for the upcoming sowing season.

Product (LMT)	**Stock as on 19.03.2026**	**Stock as on 19.03.2025**
Urea	**61.14**	55.22
DAP	**24.24**	11.85
NPKs	**57.21**	34.44

Product (LMT)	Stock as on 19.03.2026	Stock as on 19.03.2025
SSP	**24.80**	23.15
MOP	**12.65**	14.13

The Diplomatic Advantage

> For #Kharif2026, we have adequate fertilizer stocks and are in a comfortable position. The Department of Fertilizers has also issued global tenders well in advance and received very good responses.
> — Randhir Jaiswal, Spokesperson, MEA#FertilizerStock@meaindia @PIB_India pic.twitter.com/m4er6lfrwY
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> — Department of Fertilizers (@fertmin_india) March 19, 2026

During the Inter-ministerial Press Briefing, Shri Randhir Jaiswal, Spokesperson, MEA highlighted the government's strategy and underlined this diversified approach:

"Regarding our fertilizer situation at this point in time, especially for Kharif 2026, we have adequate stocks; we are comfortable. The Department of Fertilizers has also put out global tenders well in advance in anticipation of the current situation, and these have received very good responses. We expect the bulk of the quantities ordered from a variety of sources to arrive by the end of March. Having said that, let me say: yes, we have a diversified approach towards procuring fertilizer imports, and we continue to remain in touch with several countries in that regard."

By aggressively pursuing global tenders and maintaining high-level diplomatic engagements with multiple supplier nations, the Department has ensured that the bulk of quantities will be in Indian warehouses before the month concludes, marking a significant victory for proactive governance.

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