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Government Takes Proactive Measures to Safeguard Fertilizer Production and Ensure Adequate Availability for Farmers

Total Natural Gas Supply to Fertilizer Sector Enhanced to Nearly 80% of Past Six-Month Average Consumption

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The Government of India has taken proactive measures to safeguard fertilizer production and ensure adequate availability for farmers despite disruptions in natural gas supplies. In a written reply to a question in the Lok Sabha today, Smt. Anupriya S. Patel, MoS for Chemicals and Fertilizers, informed that the **Natural Gas (Supply Regulation) Order, 2026** was notified on 9th March 2026 under the Essential Commodities Act, 1955, in view of force majeure conditions arising from ongoing issues in the Middle East. Under this order, fertilizer plants were designated as **Priority Sector II**, with gas supply maintained at approximately 65% of their past six-month average consumption, subject to operational availability.

To further augment supplies to the Fertilizer sector, an additional ~7.31 MMSCMD of Natural Gas has been procured through EPMC (Empowered Pool Management Committee) bidding process for the period 18th March 2026 to 31st March 2026. This has resulted in an increase in total gas availability to the Fertilizer sector to ~80% of their past six-month average consumption.

During the period starting from 1st March, 2026 to 24th March 2026, 13.55 LMT of Domestic Urea has been produced. Apart from that, DAP/NPKs and SSP has been produced to the tune of 7.62 LMT & 3.06 LMT respectively for the same period.

Before the commencement of each cropping season, Department of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare (DA&FW), in consultation with all the State Governments, assesses the State-wise & month-wise requirement of fertilizers. Further, on the basis of requirement projected by DA&FW, D/o Fertilizers allocates adequate quantities of fertilizers to States by issuing monthly supply plan and continuously monitors the availability.

In view of the above, the current stocks of fertilizers in the country as on 23.03.2026 includes 53.08 LMT of Urea, 21.80 LMT of DAP, 7.98 LMT of MOP and 48.38 LMT of NPKs.

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