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Government of India

(भारत सरकार)

Department of Fertilizers

(उर्वरक विभाग)

New Delhi, the 25th May, 2015.

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Sub:- Zero Hour – concern over 1.5 lakh tones less allocation of Urea to Telangana for the coming Kharif Season.

The undersigned is directed to enclose a copy of Zero Hour concern raised by Smt. Gundu Sudhrani regarding bringing awareness among the farmers about the use of SSP in place of DAP and to say that Single Super Phosphate provides 7 micronutrients, besides P, Sulphur and calcium and able to address wide variety of requirement of different micronutrients in different crops and soils. Being produced indigenously, it is available throughout the country at a price almost 1/3rd of DAP, which is mostly imported. However, the consumption of SSP in the country is very less due to lack of awareness among the farmers.

2. It is, therefore, requested to take necessary action to bring awareness among the farmers to use SSP in place of DAP in view of its various nutrient contents, lower price and indigenous production. The action taken in this regard may be intimated to this Department.



(P. B. Sahu)

Under Secretary to the Govt of India

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Encl.: As above

To,

1. Department of Agriculture & Cooperation (DAC), {Shri Shailesh, Deputy Secretary (INM)}, Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi.
2. Director (Agriculture), All States.

Copy to:-

1. DG, FAI.
2. AC (Movt), DoF.
3. CMDs, All SSP units.

ZERO HOUR

CONCERN OVER 1.5 LAKH TONES LESS ALLOCATION OF UREA TO TELANGANA FOR THE COMING KHARIF SEASON

1. Government of India allocates fertilizers to every State for Kharif and Rabi Seasons. Since Kharif season is fast approaching and farm operations would start from July, Government of India has allocated Urea and other fertilizers to Telangana on Friday last.

2. Gross crop area in Telangana is 57 lakh hectares and the net crop area is 46 lakh hectares as per the statistics of 2014. But, due to better monsoon expected this year, it is expected that the net crop area might go up to 48 lakh hectares. So, farmers of Telangana expected that, at least, this time that they would get all inputs, including seeds and fertilizers, on time so that they can go ahead with their agricultural operations.

3. Last Friday Government of India has allocated various kinds of fertilizers to Telangana. There is no doubt that when compared to last year, the allocation of fertilizers, other than Urea, have gone up. But, when it comes to Urea, Government of India has allocated 1.5 lakh tones less than the required Urea for farmers of Telangana. There is a need of 10 lakh tones of Urea for Telangana, but the Government has allocated only 8.5 lakh tones of Urea for the forthcoming Kharif Season. Sir, Urea is the most important fertilizer and prices of which are controlled by Government unlike other fertilizers which are determined by the market forces. It is welcome that Government has allocated DAP, Potash, Complex and other fertilizers more than the required quantity. The total quantity of fertilizers required for Telangana is 19.82 lakh tones, but Government has given 18.32 lakh tones. The reduction is primarily due to cut in allocation of Urea to Telangana.

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4. Secondly, we are importing DAP from other countries which is costing more. Instead of DAP, there is a need to educate farmers to use Single Super Phosphate as it is domestically available and is as good as DAP. There is an apprehension in the minds of the farmers about the use of Single Super Phosphate. This apprehension has to be removed and the concerned agencies have to work on this with farmers of not only Telangana but also farmers in other States.

5. In view of the above, I request the Government of India to reconsider its decision to allocate less Urea to Telangana and allocate the required 10 lakh tones of Urea to Telangana and also urge to take steps to bring awareness among farmers about the use of Single Super Phosphate in place of DAP. Thank you.

G. Sudharani.

(GUNDU SUDHARANI)

Div. No.

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Feb
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Allocation

UREA	850 + 100 = 950	
DAP		200
MAP		100
Comp		550
SSP		100
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