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1.0 Rainfall

1.1 Post monsoon 2018

Rainfall in the country during the Post-monsoon season i.e. 1st October to 31st December, 2018 was far (44%) lower than the long period average (LPA). Actual rainfall was 71.2 mm as against normal of 127.2 mm. Rainfall in the four broad geographical divisions of the country during the above period have been lower than LPA by 51% each in Central India & East & North East India, 45% in North West India and 36% in South Peninsula.

Out of 36 meteorological sub-divisions, only 5 sub divisions received normal to excess rains. Remaining 31 sub-divisions constituting 87% of the total area of the country received deficient/large deficient rainfall during post- monsoon season.

1.2 Water reservoirs

Total live storage capacity in major 91 reservoirs monitored by Central Water Commission is 161.99 Billion Cubic Meter (BCM) at full reservoir level (FRL). Live storage in these reservoirs was 77.17 BCM as on 17th January, 2019 as against 77.32 BCM on the corresponding date in the previous year and 82.69 BCM of normal storage. Current year's storage is nearly 100% of last year's and 93% of the normal storage.

2.0 Fertiliser Scenario – April/ December 2018

2.1 Production

Among major fertilisers, the production of Urea and DAP fell by 0.7% and 29.9%, respectively, during April-December 2018 over April-December 2017. However, production of NP/NPKs and SSP recorded increase of 9% and 1.9%, respectively, during the same period.

2.2 Import

Except MOP, import of other fertilisers, viz., Urea, DAP and NP/NPKs increased during April-December 2018 over April-December 2017. Import of Urea at 5.342 million metric tonnes (MMT), DAP at 5.570 MMT and NP/NPKs at 0.404 MMT increased by 7.2%, 46.6% and 8.3%, respectively, during April/December 2018 over April/ December 2017. However, import of MOP at 3.142 MMT declined by 10.4% during the period.

2.3 Sale

Except Urea and MOP, sale of other fertilisers showed positive growth during April/December 2018 over April/December 2017. Sale of Urea and MOP declined by 0.5% and 10.2%, respectively, during April/December 2018 over April/December 2017. However, sale of DAP, NP/NPKs and SSP increased by 0.4%, 13.8% and 7.6%, respectively, during the period. **Table 1** shows production, import and sale of major fertilisers during April/December 2017 and 2018.

Table 1: Production, import and sale of major fertilisers (April/December 2017 & 2018)					
	Urea	DAP	NP/NPKs	SSP	MOP
I. Production (Million tonnes)					
April-Dec 2017	17.787	3.692	6.277	3.037	-
April-Dec 2018	17.661	2.588	6.845	3.094	-
Increase/decrease	-0.7%	-29.9%	9.0%	1.9%	-
II. Import (Million tonnes)					
April-Dec 2017	4.983	3.799	0.373	-	3.507
April-Dec 2018	5.342	5.570	0.404	-	3.142
Increase/decrease	7.2%	46.6%	8.3%	-	-10.4%
III. Sale (Million tonnes) **					
April-Dec 2017	23.359	7.660	6.115	2.909	2.594*
April-Dec 2018	23.235	7.688	6.957	3.129	2.330*
Increase/decrease	-0.5%	0.4%	13.8%	7.6%	-10.2%
* MOP for direct application. ** = 1 st point sale.					

2.4 DBT sale

DBT is in operation in all states since 1st March, 2018. According to DBT reports as published on mfms.nic.in, about 46.13 million metric tonnes (MMT) of fertilisers were sold during April-December 2018 through the point of sale (POS) devices installed at retail shops under direct benefit transfer (DBT) scheme. Out of a total of 46.13 MMT sales by the retailers through POS devices, urea accounted for 24.59 MMT, DAP 7.66 MMT, NP/NPKs and Ammonium sulphate 7.95 MMT, SSP 3.70 MMT and MOP 2.23 MMT. In addition, 119.5 thousand MT city compost was sold by retailers through POS during the period.

3.0 Fertiliser Subsidy Expenditure upto 11th January, 2019

As per the document published in the website (www.fert.nic.in) of Department of Fertilizers, Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers, the progressive expenditure of Union Budget 2018-19 on fertilizer subsidy upto 11th January, 2019 was Rs. 64205.61 crores which was 87.4% of the total budget estimate for 2018-19. **Table 2** shows the statement of budget & expenditure upto 11th January, 2019.

Table 2: Tentative Statement of Budget & Expenditure Upto 11-01-2019						
Grant No. 7 (Department of Fertilizers)						
<i>(Rupees in Crores)</i>						
	B.E. & Suppl.1 2018-19	Expenditure upto December 2018	Expenditure w.e.f. 01-01-2019 to 11-01-2019	Progressive Expenditure upto 11-01-2019	Budget Balance w.r.t. B.E as on 11-01-2019	% of Exp. w.r.t. B.E.
Revenue Section						
Payment of Indigenous P	15820.35	13642.51	77.15	13719.66	2100.69	86.72

& K Fertilizers						
Payment of Imported P & K Fertilizers	9260.00	8776.11	416.37	9192.48	67.52	99.27
Payment for Import of Urea	13360.00	8890.92	1861.54	10752.46	2607.54	80.48
Payment for Indigenous Urea	34989.50	29067.12	1460.10	30527.22	4462.28	87.25
Payment of City Compost	10.00	7.14	0.56	7.70	2.30	77.00
DBT-Office Expenses	1.00	0.28	-	0.28	0.74	28.00
DBT-Professional Service	9.50	5.81	-	5.81	8.46	61.15
Total	73450.35	60389.89	3815.72	64205.61	9249.53	87.41
Source: www.fert.nic.in , Department of Fertilizers						

4.0 Crop Situation

4.1 Crop area sown – Rabi 2018-19

As per latest information available on sowing of *Rabi* crops, around 92.8% of the normal area under *Rabi* crops has been sown upto 18th January, 2019. Area sown under all *rabi* crops taken together has been reported 58.81 million hectares (Mha) at All India level as compared to 61.79 Mha in the corresponding period of the previous year.

During the period 1st October to 18th January, 2019, total area sown under foodgrains was 50.97 Mha which was 5.4% lower than the corresponding period of the previous year. Area sown under wheat, rice, pluses, coarse cereals and oilseeds declined by 2.6%, 21.5%, 5.6%, 13.9% and 0.9%, respectively, over the corresponding period of the previous year. The progress in coverage under *rabi* crops upto 18th January, 2019 is shown in **Table 3**.

Crop	Normal area for whole <i>rabi</i> season (Mha)	Area sown during <i>rabi</i> (Million hectares)		Increase (+) / Decrease (-)	
		2018-19	2017-18	Area (Mha)	%
Wheat	30.629	29.605	30.387	-0.782	-2.6%
Rice	4.159	1.793	2.284	-0.491	-21.5%
Coarse cereals	6.453	4.666	5.418	-0.752	-13.9%
Total pulses	14.084	14.901	15.780	-0.879	-5.6%

Total foodgrains	55.325	50.965	53.869	-2.904	-5.4%
Total oilseeds	8.060	7.845	7.920	-0.075	-0.9%
Total	63.385	58.809	61.789	-2.980	-4.8%

Note: Totals may not exactly tally due to rounding of figures.

5.0 Procurement, Stock and Exports of Foodgrains

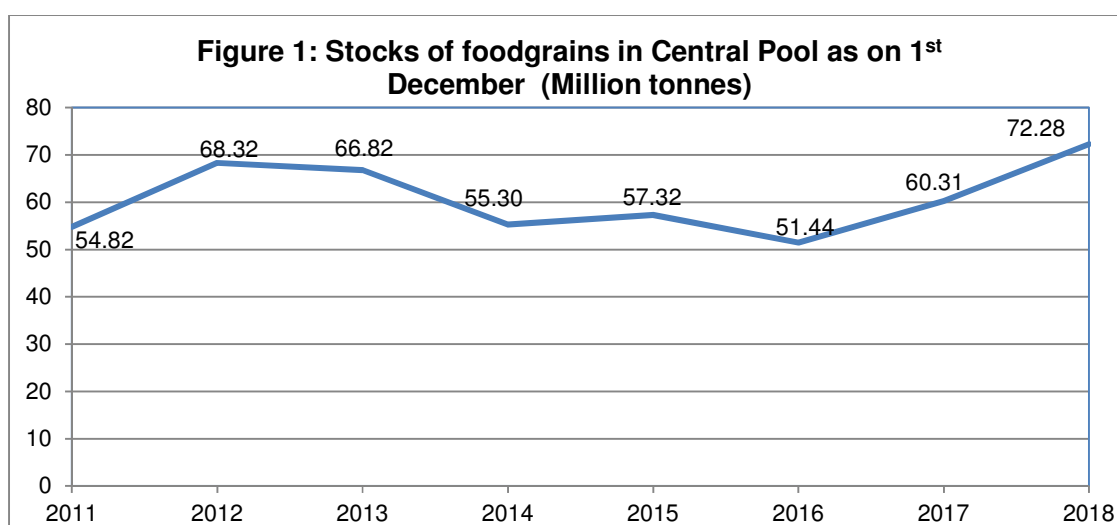
5.1 Procurement

All India procurement of rice for *kharif* marketing season (KMS) 2018-19 is under progress. It was 26.30 million MT upto 4th January, 2019. The procurement of rice was highest in Punjab at about 11.33 million MT, followed by Haryana 3.91 million MT, Chhattisgarh 3.17 million MT, Telangana 2.44 million MT, Uttar Pradesh 1.72 million MT, Andhra Pradesh 1.31 million MT and Odisha 1.05 million MT. The procurement was less than 1 million MT in remaining rice growing states. **Annex I** shows the state-wise procurement of rice for the *kharif* marketing season 2018-19 upto 4th January, 2019.

All India procurement of wheat for *rabi* marketing season 2018-19 was 35.80 million MT. Out of 35.80 million MT of wheat, procurement by Punjab was 12.69 million MT, followed by Haryana 8.78 million MT, Madhya Pradesh 7.31 million MT, Uttar Pradesh 5.29 million MT and Rajasthan 1.53 million MT. The procurement was less than 1 million MT in remaining wheat growing states. **Annex II** shows the state-wise procurement of *wheat* for the *rabi* marketing season 2018-19.

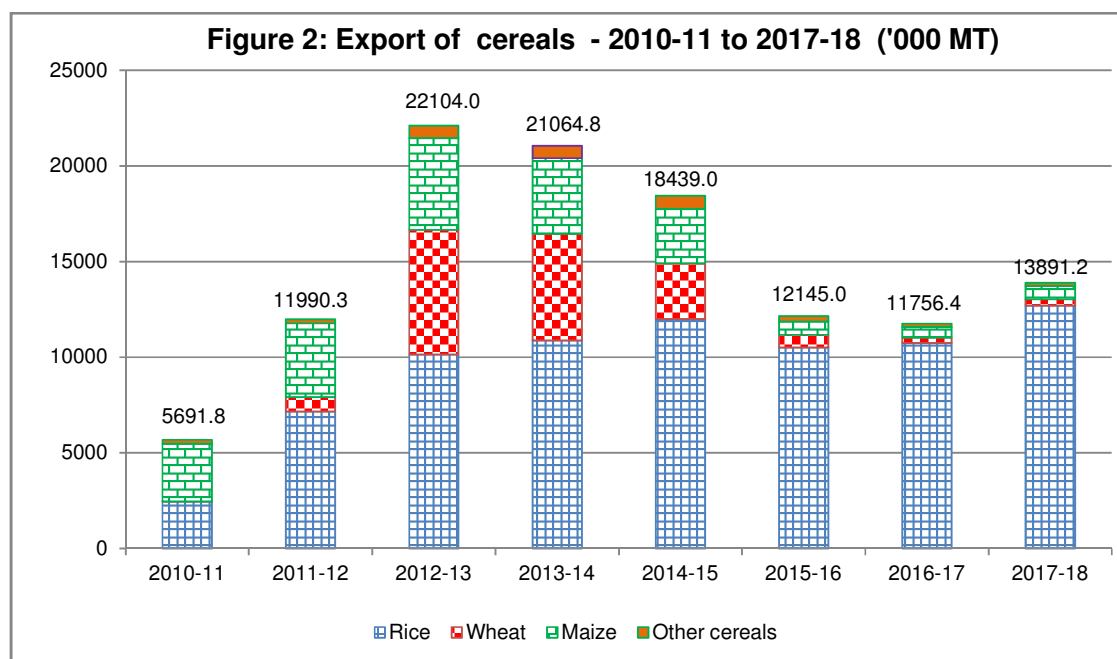
5.2 Foodgrain Stock

Total stock of foodgrains in Central Pool has improved in 2018. As on 1st December, stock of foodgrains was 55 million MT in 2011 which increased to 68 million MT in 2012. It moved downwards during subsequent years and touched 51 million MT in 2016. In 2017 and 2018, it moved up at 60 million MT and 72 million MT, respectively. **Figure 1** shows the changes in stock of foodgrains in Central Pool as on 1st December for last eight years.



5.3 Exports

Export of cereals was 13.89 million MT during 2017-18 as against 11.76 million MT in 2016-17. It was high at 22.10 million MT in 2012-13 and 21.06 million MT in 2013-14. Out of 13.89 million MT of cereals exported in 2017-18, rice accounted for 12.71 million MT, wheat 0.32 million MT, maize 0.70 million MT and other cereals 0.16 million MT. **Figure 2** shows export of cereals during past 8-year period.



During the current year 2018-19, export of cereals upto October 2018 was 7.62 million MT. Out of 7.62 million MT of cereals export in rice accounted for 6.66 million MT, wheat 0.11 million MT, maize 0.71 million MT and other cereals 0.14 million MT.

6.0 Gross Domestic Product

As per the first advance estimates of national income 2018-19, released by Central Statistics Office, Ministry of Statistics & Programme Implementation, Govt. of India, the real GDP or Gross Domestic Product (GDP) at Constant Prices (2011-12) is likely to attain a level of ₹139.52 lakh crore in 2018-19, as against ₹130.11 lakh crore in 2017-18. The growth in GDP during 2018-19 is estimated at 7.2 per cent as compared to the growth rate of 6.7 per cent in 2017-18. The growth in agriculture & allied sectors is expected to be 3.8 per cent in 2018-19 as against 3.4 per cent in 2017-18.

7.0 Policy Developments

7.1 Recovery of incidence of non-reimbursable input taxation levied by State Government from time to time in the subsidy regime

Department of Fertilizers (DoF), Ministry of Chemicals & Fertilizers issued a notification on 10th January, 2019 regarding the recovery of incidence of non-reimbursable input taxation levied by State Government from time to time in the subsidy regime.

The Government of Uttar Pradesh had levied additional VAT on input (i.e. natural Gas) which was recovered by the fertilizer manufacturers from the farmers for sale of urea over and above MRP. However, Uttar Pradesh Government has rescinded the erstwhile notification and advised the urea manufacturers/traders/importers not to recover additional cost on urea bag w.e.f 12.01.2019. A copy of the notification in this regard is enclosed as *Annex III*.

STATEWISE PROCUREMENT OF RICE FOR KMS 2018-19

(Fig. in LMTs)

S.No.	STATES/ UTs	Procurement*
1	A.P.	13.05
2	Telangana	24.43
3	Assam	0.03
4	Bihar	0.19
5	Chandigarh	0.13
6	Chhattisgarh	31.70
7	Gujarat	0.09
8	Haryana	39.09
9	H.P.	0.00
10	Jharkhand	0.12
11	J&K	0.09
12	Karnataka	0.00
13	Kerala	0.58
14	M.P.	4.66
15	Maharashtra	1.75
16	Odisha	10.54
17	Punjab	113.30
18	Rajasthan	0.00
19	NEF (Tripura)	0.02
20	Tamilnadu	1.47
21	U.P.	17.20
22	Uttarakhand	4.18
23	West Bengal	0.33
Total		262.95

*Under Progress. Data as on 04.01.2019

STATEWISE PROCUREMENT OF WHEAT FOR RMS 2018-19

(Figures in LMTs)

SL No	STATES/ Uts	RMS
1	Punjab	126.92
2	Haryana	87.84
3	UP	52.94
4	M.P.	73.13
5	Bihar	0.18
6	Rajasthan	15.32
7	Uttarakhand	1.10
8	Chandigarh	0.14
9	Gujarat	0.37
10	H.P.	0.01
TOTAL		357.95

No.12014/4/2009- FPP
Government of India
Ministry of Chemicals & Fertilizers
Department of Fertilizers

Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi
Dated the 10th January, 2019

To
CMD/MDs,

RCF/MFL/BVFCL/NFL/FACT/KRIBHCO/IFFCO/GSFC/GNVFC/SFC/NFCL/
CFCL/YFIL/ZACL/GIL/SPIC/KFL/MCFL/KFCL

Subject: Recovery of incidence of non-reimbursable input taxation levied by State Governments from time to time in the subsidy regime.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to Department of Fertilizer's letters of even number dated 20th March, 2011 and 17th May, 2018 on the subject mentioned above and to say that the Government of Uttar Pradesh had levied Additional VAT on input (i.e. Natural Gas) which was recovered by fertilizer manufacturers from the farmers for sale of urea over and above MRP. The additional levy recovered over and above MRP of urea was Rs 680/- per MT for the state of Uttar Pradesh for the year 2018-19.

2. However, vide notification No. KA.NI-2-2218/XI-9(57)/17 – U.P. Act-5-2008-Order-(158)-2018 dated 14th November, 2018, the Government of Uttar Pradesh has rescinded the erstwhile notification No KA.NI-2-419/XI/9(1)/08 – U.P. Act-5-2008-Order-69-2011 dated 31st March, 2011. In view of the above, the urea manufacturers/traders/importers are advised not to recover additional cost on urea bag, w.e.f 12.01.2019.

3. Government of Uttar Pradesh is requested to make sure that the 45 Kg and 50 Kg bag of urea may be sold not more than Rs. 295.50 and Rs. 295.00 respectively in the state of Uttar Pradesh (U.P.).

4. This issues with the approval of competent authority.

Yours faithfully,

Sachin Kumar
10.01.19

(Sachin Kumar)

Under Secretary to the Government of India

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Copy to:

1. Principal Secretary (Agriculture), Government of Uttar Pradesh, Lucknow.
2. The Executive Director, Fertilizer Industry Coordination Committee, 8th Floor, Sewa Bhawan, R. K. Puram, New Delhi.
3. DBT cell for necessary action.
4. NIC to upload on website.

No.12014/4/2009- FPP
Government of India
Ministry of Chemicals & Fertilizers
Department of Fertilizers

Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi
Dated the 11th January, 2019

To
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CFCL/YFIL/ZACL/GIL/SPIC/KFL/MCFL/KFCL

**Subject: Recovery of incidence of non-reimbursable input taxation levied
by State Governments from time to time in the subsidy regime.**

Sir,

I am directed to state that following issuance of Government of Uttar Pradesh's notification No. KA.NI-2-2218/XI-9(57)/17 – U.P. Act-5-2008-Order-(158)-2018 dated 14th November, 2018, the Department of Fertilizer's earlier notifications of even number dated 29th March, 2011 and 17th May, 2018 on the above mentioned subject, stands "**withdrawn**" w.e.f 12th January, 2019.

2. This issues with the approval of competent authority.

Yours faithfully,

Sachin Kumar

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