

In the Press Release dated 26.06.2008, issued by the Government in the Department of Agriculture, time was given up to 4th July, 2008 for the liquidation of the available stock of DAP by the private dealers based on the representations from the manufacturers and suppliers. In this regard, Tamil Nadu Agro Input Traders Association in their representation to the Government has expressed certain difficulties in liquidating the available stock in the retail outlets as per the time schedule prescribed in the Government decision earlier announced and requested extension of time by 60 days for the same.

2) The Government have further reviewed the situation. Against the supply plan of 58,000 M.T. for the month of June, 2008, 36,000 M.T. of DAP was made available in the retail distribution against the normal demand of 30,000 M.T. For balance in the supply plan, Coromandel Fertilizers Limited has already sold 10,000 M.T. to TANFED. IFFCO has made available 5,000 M.T. against their supply plan requirement of 10,000 M.T. The balance 5,000 M.T. is under transit from Paradeep. Zuari Industries Limited has already sold 1,250 M.T. to TANFED. Further, the Department of Fertilizers, GOI has allotted 20,590 M.T. of DAP to meet the requirement of July, 2008 from IFFCO and Zuari Industries Limited and this stock will be made available to Tamil Nadu shortly. Government of Tamil Nadu have further requested a stock of 13,000 M.T. from the Government of India which is under consideration of the Department of Fertilizers, GOI. To conclude, sufficient stock is available for the month of July, 2008 and more stock is under transit.

3) 10,078.45 M.T. of DAP is available with the retail dealers of Coromandel Fertilizers Limited (4005.45 M.T.), IFFCO (1,338.60 M.T.), Indian Potash Limited (2,732 M.T.), Zuari Industries Limited (1,942 M.T.) and Mangalore Chemicals and Fertilizers Limited (60.40 M.T.). In order to make DAP easily available to the farmers and in the interest of Agriculture based on the representation given by the Tamil Nadu Agro Input Traders Association, the Government have decided to extend the time given for liquidation to the retail outlets of the private companies, up to 11.07.2008 with the following conditions:-

- a. The retailers will make payments on record by issuing the receipts.

- b. The available stock position will be informed to the Collector and the concerned Assistant Director of Agriculture of the Block Agriculture Extension Centre.
 - c. The Association will give wide publicity of the Government M.R.P. rates of all the fertilizers in the local media and all the retailers shall sell only by that rate without any deviation.
 - d. In case of any complaint of hoarding, black marketing, profiteering etc. is noticed, the entire stock will be confiscated by the Collectors.
 - e. On 12.07.2008, the balance stock with the authorized dealers of the company will be taken over by TANFED and unauthorized stock (or) stock at unauthorized godown shall be confiscated by the Collectors.
- 4) The Association has promised to abide by these conditions and assured the Government that no room for complaints shall be given. They have further assured that no more extension of time shall be requested. All other decisions taken by the Government in the earlier Press Release stand without any modification.

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