

### **3. SCHEME FOR STOCKING AND DISTRIBUTION OF FERTILIZERS BY INSTITUTIONAL AGENCIES**

It is technically a plan scheme which is in operation since 2007-08. Fertilizers are one of the important agricultural inputs used for raising crops. The major fertilizers consumed in the State are Di-Ammonium Phosphate (DAP) and Urea. The consumption of DAP during Kharif and Rabi seasons is about 3.20 and 4.00 lac MTs respectively and the consumption of Urea fertilizer is 7.75 and 8.75 lac MTs and 11.25 lac MT respectively yearly.

The sale, pricing and quality of fertilizers is regulated under the Fertilizers (Control) Order, 1985 which extends to the whole country. Presently, only Urea fertilizer is under the partial control and rest of the fertilizers are de-controlled. The distribution of major fertilizers i.e. DAP and Urea is done through institutional agencies like HAFED, HAIC and HLRDC and private network in the State.

It is proposed that a provision of Rs.2750.00 lac has been made for creating buffer stock of DAP and Urea fertilizer with the institutional agencies during lean consumption period of fertilizers for compensating the carrying cost to the Govt. Institutional agencies during 2017-18 to ensure adequate and timely supply of fertilizers to the farmers. The benefit of the scheme is to ensure adequate and timely supply of Fertilizer to the farmers.