

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3004  
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USE OF WATER SOLUBLE FERTILIZERS BY FARMERS  
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**Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the farmers are predominantly using water soluble fertilizers in the country;
- (b) if so, whether all these water soluble fertilizers are 100% imported;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the Government has any plan to start the production of these water soluble fertilizers indigenously;
- (e) if so, whether Government is considering to provide any subsidy for these types of water soluble fertilizers; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI S.K. HANDIQUE)

(a) The use of the water-soluble fertilizers in the country is very small as compared to other chemical fertilizers. As per an estimate, about 27000 Metric Tonnes per annum of water soluble fertilizers are put in use in India.

(b) to (f) All the water soluble fertilizers are 100% imported, as there is no indigenous production. However, recently, M/s Gujarat State Fertilizers & Chemicals Ltd. has taken permission from Government for manufacturing of 100% water soluble fertilizers of a few varieties. As on date, the Water soluble fertilizers are not covered under the Concession Scheme on decontrolled Phosphatic and Potassic fertilizers.