

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

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IMPORT OF FERTILIZERS
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Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to import urea during the current year despite the fact that fertilizer units of the country have maximum stock of urea;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) the detail of available stock and the quantity of fertilizers proposed to be imported alongwith the amount likely to be incurred for the purpose;
- (d) whether the Government proposes to lay down a viable strategy with regard to import of fertilizers; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SRIKANT KUMAR JENA)

(a) to (e): Urea is the only fertilizer under statutory price control and and it is imported for direct agriculture use on Government account through State Tradomg Enterprises (STEs) i.e. MMTC, STC and IPL to bridge the gap between assessed demand and indigenous availability. Government is also importing approximately 19 LMTs urea through IFFCO & KRIBHCO from Oman India Fertiliser Company (OMIFCO) under Long Term Urea Off Take Agreement (UOTA) between GOI & OMIFCO. The quantum & timing of import of urea is decided to ensure adequate availability of urea to meet the demand as assessed by Department of Agriculture & Cooperation by duly taking into account the month to month consumption as well as indigenous production of urea in the current year i.e. 2010-11. Import of other fertilizers is free under Open General Licence (OGL) and the importers are importing these fertilizers after taking into consideration the demand & availability scenario as per their commercial considerations. During the year 2010-11, 68.35 lakh MT of DAP, 61.07 lakh MT of MOP and 10.23 lakh MT of NPK fertilizers has already been contracted. The opening stock of major fertilizers in the country as on 1st April 2010 was 2.21 lakh MT of Urea, 1.97 lakh MT of DAP, 0.97 lakh MT of MOP and 1.24 lakh MT of complex fertilizers. The proposed Budget Estimates (Gross Expenditure) for import of urea during the year 2010-11 is Rs.8360 crore. The proposed BE for payment of concession/subsidy on imported decontrol P&K fertilizers is Rs.15500 crore.