

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

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USAGE OF WATER SOLUBLE FERTILIZERS  
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**Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government is formulating a new policy for promoting the usage of water soluble fertilizers;
- (b) if so, the reasons thereof;
- (c) whether water soluble fertilizers are being imported from other countries;
- (d) if so, the countries from where these fertilizers are being imported; and
- (e) the prices at which these fertilizers are being imported ?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b): Water-soluble fertilizers are not covered under the Nutrient Based Subsidy (NBS) of decontrolled Phosphatic & Potassic fertilizers implemented by the Government w.e.f. 1st April, 2010. However, the Fertilizer (Control) Order, 1985 incorporates liquid and 100% water-soluble fertilizers which are allowed to be sold as fertilizers in India.

(c) & (d): The main exporting countries of water soluble fertilizers are Israel, Norway, Belgium, the Netherlands, China etc. Indian importers import Water Soluble Fertilizers from these countries for marketing in India. It is estimated that import of Water Soluble Fertilizers in India is about 37000-40000 MT annually at present. Prices of Water Soluble Fertilizers vary from time to time and from country to country. However, the current indicative prices of some of important water soluble fertilizers are as under :-

Water Soluble Fertilizer/Product      Price (US\$/tonne)

NPK 19: 19: 19                      1000

Potassium Nitrate (13:0:45)        1000

Calcium Nitrate                      400

Mono Ammonium Phosphate (MAP) 12:61:0    800

Mono Potassium Phosphate (MKP) 0-52-34    1200-1400

Sulphate of Potash (SOP)            900-950