

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

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

- (a) the quantity of Ammonia fertilizer imported during each of the last three years and the current year alongwith the names of the countries;
- (b) the annual quantity of Ammonia fertilizer manufactured in the country alongwith the names of the manufacturing factories;
- (c) the yearly demand and supply of the said fertilizer in the country; and
- (d) the details of the existing monitoring system for the distribution and utilization of Ammonia fertilizer in the wake of its use in making explosive?

Answer

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

(a) : The quantity of Ammonia imported during each of the last three years and the current year alongwith the names of countries is given in the table below.

Year Quantity (Lakh Metric Tons) Name of the Countries

2007-08	16.14	Qatar, Iran, U.A.E, Saudi Arabia, Oman, Egypt, Bangladesh, Bahrain, CIS, Ukraine, Indonesia and Malaysia
2008-09	14.45	
2009-10	19.20	
2010-11		
(Up to August 2010)	7.91	

(b) : The annual quantity of Ammonia manufactured in the country alongwith the names of the manufacturing factories is given in the table below:

Year Quantity (Lakh Metric Tons) Name of the factories

2007-08	122	BVFCL, FACT, NFL, MFL, RCF, SAIL, CFCL, DFPC, GNVFC, GSFC, NFCL, MCFL, KSFL, SPIC, TCL, ZIL, IFFCO,
2008-09	124	
2009-10	132.5	
2010-11		
(Up to August 2010)	Not available	

(c) & (d) : Basically, Ammonia is not a fertilizer. It is used as raw material to produce Urea, DAP and other complex fertilizers containing Nitrogen nutrient, which is the most essential part of plant nutrition. The yearly demand of Ammonia as raw material for production of fertilizers is about 140 to 145 Lakh metric tons. As regards supply of Ammonia, the gap between indigenous production of Ammonia and the demand is met by its import, which has been in the range of 15-17 Lakh metric tons only. Being it a raw material and not a fertilizer, the Department of Fertilizers does not monitor the movement, distribution and utilization of Ammonia.