

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

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AFFECT ON FERTILIZERS OUTPUT
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Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the current situation in Egypt is likely to affect fertilizer output in the country;
- (b) if so, the likely estimates thereof; and
- (c) the alternative measures proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

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

(a) to (c): Yes Madam. Some of the manufacturers of Single Super Phosphate (SSP) and phosphatic fertilizers import Rock Phosphate from Egypt. Generally, annual import from Egypt is about 9 lakh metric tons. Small quantity of Urea, Sulphur and Ammonia is also imported from Egypt. Further, Suez Canal touching Egypt is one of the major routes for shipping of raw materials for the fertilizer industry in our country. Due to current situation in Egypt, it is apprehended that import of fertilizer inputs may be adversely affected for some time. Import of fertilizer raw materials, such as Rock Phosphate, Sulphur and Ammonia in Open General List (OGL). It is expected that our domestic fertilizer industry would source these inputs from other alternative sources to minimize impact of the situation.