

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINES
LOK SABHA**

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CONTRACTS OF THE SOIL NUTRIENT
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Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether India has secured contracts for 4.7 million tonnes of the soil nutrient at \$370 per tonne for this financial year which is nearly 20 per cent cheaper than last year;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the actual demand of the country in this year, State-wise; and
- (d) the amount spent in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF MINES(SHRI DINSHA PATEL)

(a) & (b): Government of India is presently administering Nutrient Based Subsidy Policy for decontrolled Phosphatic & Potassic (P &K) fertilizers w.e.f. 1.4.2010 in continuation of the erstwhile concession scheme for decontrolled phosphatic & Potassic fertilizers. The objective of this policy is to provide fertilizers to the farmers at affordable prices. The country is dependent mainly on the imports for meeting the requirement of the phosphatic & Potassic fertilizers. Accordingly, 90% of the requirement of the finished fertilizers/intermediates/inputs of phosphatic fertilizers is met through imports. The sources of Potash are non-existent in the country and entire requirement is met through imports. For the year 2010-11, the price of MOP has been benchmarked at US \$ 370 per MT for subsidy under NBS. Generally, import of MOP takes place at contracted price for the entire year. Indian importers have contracted MOP import of about 4.7 million MTs for direct agriculture use and about 1.2 million MTs for use in production of NPK at US \$ 370 CFR per MT.

(c): State-wise demand is given at Annexure.

(d): During 2010-11, the revised estimate for subsidy on imported decontrolled Phosphatic & Potassic fertilizers including MOP is Rs. 16500 crores. The total outgo for MOP will be known only after the year end.

ANNEXURE

State-wise Requirement for MOP - All States-2010-2011

State FG Requirement (in Metric Tonne)

Andaman & Nicobar MOP 500.00

Andhra Pradesh MOP 660000.00

Arunachal Pradesh MOP 100.00

Assam MOP 130000.00

Bihar MOP 230000.00

Chandigarh MOP 0.00

Chhattisgarh MOP 106000.00

Dadra & Nagar Haveli MOP 127.00

Daman & Diu MOP 43.00

Delhi MOP 2000.00

Goa MOP 1635.00

Gujarat MOP 230000.00

Haryana MOP 70000.00

Himachal Pradesh MOP 7000.00

J&K MOP 36000.00

Jharkhand MOP 15000.00

Karnataka MOP 565000.00

Kerala MOP 155000.00

Lakshadweep MOP 0.00

Madhya Pradesh MOP 145000.00

Maharashtra MOP 675000.00

Manipur MOP 3150.00

Meghalaya MOP 670.00

Mizoram MOP 1681.00

Nagaland MOP 352.00

Orissa MOP 190000.00

Pondicherry MOP 13000.00

Punjab MOP 106000.00

Rajasthan MOP 55000.00

Sikkim MOP 0.00

Tamilnadu MOP 584000.00

Tripura MOP 18300.00

Uttar Pradesh MOP 370000.00

Uttaranchal MOP 9600.00

West Bengal MOP 400000.00

Total 4780158.00