## GOVERNMENT OF INDIA CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS LOK SABHA

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

(a) the total quantity of fertilizers exported from the country during each of the last three years and the current year;

(b) whether the fertilizers are exported clandestinely even though the farmers face the shortage of fertilizers; and

(c) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto?

## Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SRIKANT KUMAR JENA)

(a) : As per the records available in the Department of Fertilizers, the detail of fertilizers exported from the Country during each of the last three years and the current year is given in the table below:

YEAR QUANTITY (Lakh Metric Tonnes)

2008-09 .36 2009-10 .38 2010-11 .25 Current Year .07

(b) & (c): During the year 2010-11 this Department received information from few State Governments and Customs Authorities about illegal export of fertilizers (mainly DAP and MOP) in the name of some other chemicals like Soda Ash and edible salt. Various Customs Authorities have seized such illegally diverted quantities of fertilizers and confiscated the same. Necessary legal proceedings under applicable laws are in process. The Department of Fertilizers requested the Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT) to instruct all the respective customs authorities in the matter so that fertilizers are not smuggled out of the Country in violation of prevailing Exim Policy and relevant regulations. However, no such instance of clandestine export of fertilizer has come to the notice of this Department during the last one year.