

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

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IMPACT OF INTERNATIONAL PRICES ON FERTILIZERS

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that there is shortage of fertilizers due to high international prices triggered by the Arab uprisings;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the cost of di-ammonium phosphate is likely to cost more and push up the food prices due to the shortage of fertilizers; and
- (d) if so, the steps being taken by the Government in this regard?

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) & (b): Generally India imports Ammonia, Urea, DAP, some grades of complex fertilizers, Sulphur and raw material/intermediates from Arab Countries. Arab uprisings have impacted the supply of these fertilizers and raw materials from these countries. It is a fact that International Prices of fertilizers and inputs have increased during the last one year. A table giving prices of various fertilizers and raw materials in the International Market for the period of last one year, is enclosed as Annexure-I.

(c) & (d): The prices of DAP in international market is dependent on international demand supply scenario, and cannot be predicted. The Government has already increased the per tonne on DAP in 2011-12 to Rs.19,763 per tonne as compared to Rs. 15,968 per tonne only in 2010-11.