

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

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that the cash crunch has hit the fertilizers imports;
- (b) if so, whether the Government held back subsidy commitments to importers;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the shortage of fertilizers could further stoke the food inflation;
- (e) if so, whether the assured availability of key fertilizers is critical to food security; and
- (f) if so, the steps being taken by the Government to make fertilizers available to the farmers?

**Answer**

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

(a),(b) & (c): No Madam, However, due to shortfall in availability of the budget provision, payments for Imported Urea and subsidy for imported P&K Fertilizers has been temporarily delayed. A part of the total outstanding claims for imported fertilizers of Rs.11,100 Cr. approximately for imported fertilizers is expected to be met out of the additional budget allocation for the year 2011-12 and the balance outstanding claims will be settled in the next financial year.

(d),(e) & (f): The availability of fertilizers is critical to food security. Government has taken necessary steps to ensure adequate availability of fertilizers in the ensuing Kharif season and there is no likelihood of shortage of fertilizers resulting in food inflation.