

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

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IMPORT OF FERTILIZERS

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

(a) whether the fertilizers are imported from abroad; and

(b) if so, the quantum and value of fertilizers imported during each of the last three years and the current year alongwith the names of the countries from where these were imported?

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) Yes Madam,

(b) Urea is the only fertilizer under statutory price control and it is imported for direct agriculture use on Government account through State Trading Enterprises (STEs) i.e. MMTC, STC and IPL to bridge the gap between assessed demand and indigenous production. Government is also importing approximately 20 LMT urea from Oman India Fertiliser Company (OMIFCO) under Long Term Urea Off Take Agreement (UOTA) between GOI & OMIFCO. The import of urea from OMIFCO is made through M/s IFFCO & M/s KRIBHCO. The year-wise quantity and value of urea imported during the last three years and current year (upto Feb 2012) are as under:-

Year Quantity of urea imported (in lakh MT) Value (Million US \$)

From Oman Through STEs Total

2008-09 19.06 37.61 56.67 2416.00

2009-10 20.62 31.48 52.10 1212.65

2010-11 20.64 45.46 66.10 1832.50

2011-12 19.10 57.65 76.75 3191.28
(upto Feb. 12)

Fertilizers other than Urea are imported under Open General Licence (OGL). Companies import these fertilizers as per their commercial judgment. Government do not maintain the value of these imports. However, Government is paying subsidy on P&K fertilizers under Nutrient Based Subsidy Scheme. The year-wise quantity of P&K fertilizers imported during the last three years and current year (upto Feb 2012) are as under:-

(Quantity in lakh MT)

Product 2008-09 2009-10 2010-11 2011-12

DAP 61.92 58.89 74.11 68.79

MAP 2.67 1.93 1.88 4.94

TSP 1.73 0.87 0.98 1.60

NPK 9.81 36.73

MOP 43.46 41.62 45.00 26.03
(Agriculture Use)

#upto Feb 2012

The countries from where the fertilizers have been imported during the last three years are Australia, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Belarus, China, Canada, Chile, CIS, Egypt, Estonia, Germany, Greece, Indonesia, Iran, Israel, Jordan, Korea, Kuwait, Latvia, Libya, Lithuania, Malaysia, Mexico, Morocco, Oman, Philippines, Qatar, Romania, Russia, S. Arabia, S. Africa, Singapore, Spain, Turkey, Tunisia, Thailand, UAE, USA UK, Tallin, Ukrain, Uzbekistan, Ventspils, Japan and Vietnam