

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

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

- (a) the percentage of total consumption of imported fertilizers in the country;
- (b) the percentage increase during the Ninth and the Tenth Five Year Plan Period;
- (c) the reasons for increase in import of fertilizers; and
- (d) the steps taken to increase indigenous production of fertilizers?

**Answer**

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

- (a): The percentage of total consumption (sales) of imported fertilizers as compared to the total consumption (sales) of fertilizers is 40% in the country during the year 2011-12.
- (b): The percentage increase of total consumption (sales) of imported fertilizers in the country during the Ninth and Tenth Five Year Plan is 12% and 22% respectively.
- (c): Due to very little increase in indigenous production and the increase in the assessed requirement of fertilizers in the country, the import has increased.
- (d): Government is considering amendments to the existing New Investment Policy of 2008 in order to attract new investments by Public/Private sector in Greenfield/Expansion/Revamp urea projects. Currently, the demand production gap in urea is approx 9 Million Tonne. It is expected that in case 7 to 8 new Greenfield/Expansion plants are established in next five to seven years, we will be able to bridge the gap.