

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

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that India is completely dependent on imports of Potassic fertilizers and also imports percent of Phosphatic fertilizers.
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps being taken by the Government to reduce this dependence on imports and enhance the domestic production?

Answer

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

(a): India is fully dependent on imports of Potassic fertilizers. India is also dependent on imports of Phosphatic fertilizers to about 90% in the form of finished fertilizers or in the form of raw materials.

(b): The details of import of Phosphatic and Potassic (P&K) fertilizers and its raw materials by India are mentioned in the following table:

(In LMT)

Year Finished P&K fertilizers Raw materials

DAP MOP MAP TSP NP/ NPKs Phosphoric Acid Rock Phosphate Sulphur
(as P2O5)

2009-10 58.89 52.86 1.934 0.87 - 27.21 53.27 12.94

2010-11 74.11 63.57 1.880 0.98 9.81 21.40 63.87 18.08

2011-12 69.05 39.84 4.937 1.60 36.73 20.70 (Est.) 56.50 (Est.) 17.90 (Est.)

(c): The country being dependent on imports to meet the requirements of Phosphatic and Potassic fertilizers including its raw material, the Government is encouraging acquisition of fertilizer assets / resources by Indian PSUs/Companies and setting up of Joint Venture Fertilizer Projects abroad in the resource rich countries. The Government also encourages long-term off-take agreements for supply of fertilizers/fertilizer inputs at some preferential prices from such countries.

In Urea sector, since much of the raw materials are available within the Country, the Government endeavour is to achieve self-sufficiency in this sector. The Government has announced a new policy of urea on 4th September 2008 to attract new investments. The policy is based on import parity Price (IPP) benchmark with suitable floor & ceiling prices aiming to revamp, expansion, revival of existing urea units and setting up of Greenfield projects. The revision in this policy is under consideration.

