

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

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DEMAND OF FERTILIZERS
Rathwa Shri Ramsinhbhai Patalbhai

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

- (a) whether the Government's attention has been drawn to the fact that with growth agricultural activities in the country, the demand for fertilizers is reaching a new high;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the existing fertilizers facilities in the country need and urgent boost through new additional facilities;
- (d) if so, whether the Government is actively considering to expand the fertilizer industry in such a manner to enable it to export after satisfying the domestic needs;
- (e) if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) if not, the reasons therefor?

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) to (b): The Central Government assesses the State-wise and month-wise demand of fertilizers before each cropping season in Zonal conferences on Agricultural Inputs in which representatives of State Governments and fertilizer industry participate. Demand of fertilizers is assessed by State Governments on the basis of past consumption, weather conditions, targeted crop area, cropping pattern, area under irrigation and soil mapping etc. The demand is increasing every year and the Government is aware of it.

(c) to (f): Yes, Madam. The Government had 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.