

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3329  
ANSWERED ON:13.12.2012  
EXPANSION OF CAPACITY OF PRODUCING FERTILIZERS  
Sivasami Shri C.

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

- (a) whether the increasing demand for fertilizers requires the expansion of capacity for production of fertilizers in the country rather than importing them;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government is considering to take suitable steps to enhance the installed capacity of production of fertilizers; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**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) to (d): At present out of total demand of 300 LMT of urea, approximately 70% of total requirement of urea is met by indigenous production (220 LMT). The Government is considering a New Investment Policy – 2012 which is likely to add an additional urea capacity of 70 to 80 LMT per annum by 2016-17. So far as P&K fertilizers are concerned, the country is fully dependent on imports in potash sector and to the extent of 90% in phosphatic sector either in form of finished fertilizers or its raw material/intermediates.