

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:935

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IMPORT OF FERTILISERS

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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) the quantum of fertilizers imported in the country during each of the last three years and the current year along with the rates at which the same were imported;
- (b) whether these fertilizers were imported at a much higher prices as compared to their prices prevalent in the international market;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (d) whether the said import was less than the actual demand in the country leading to a gap between the demand and supply which pushed up the prices even further; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof along with the corrective measures being taken by the Government to address this situation?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (DR. D. PURANDESWARI)

(a): The quantity and value of fertilizers imported in to the country during each of the last three years and the current year are as under:

Year	FERTILIZERS, CRUDE		FERTIZERS MANUFACTURED	
	Quantity (TON)	Value (IN CRORE)	Quantity (TON)	Value (IN CRORE)

2009-10	5689380	3326.20	15924159	28428.58
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2010-11	5199263	3260.86	15705252	28271.94
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2011-12	9744958	8381.68	18095084	44929.34
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April 2012 to December 2012	6257617	5769.30	13350327	34959.57
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(b) & (c) No, Madam.

(d) & (e): Import of all fertilizers, except Urea, is free. Import of Urea is permitted only through State Trading Enterprises. To bridge the gap between assessed demand and indigenous availability, the import of urea is decided by the Steering Committee of Secretaries (SCOS) and made on Government account. Import of all other fertilizers is permitted freely and the companies are free to import these fertilizers as per their commercial judgement based on the demand supply position. The Department of Fertilizer monitors the availability of fertilizers in the country in coordination with the State Governments to ensure adequate availability to the farmers.