

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

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IMPORT OF FERTILIZERS

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

- (a) The fertilizer-wise quantity and value of import of various fertilizers made during each of the last three years and the current year;
- (b) the name of companies which imported the fertilizers along with the countries from where these fertilizers were imported;
- (c) whether any test is done at any level regarding the standard of fertilizers being imported; 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) The year-wise quantity and value of urea imported on Government Account during the last three years and current year (up to February, 2013) are as below:-

Year Quantity of urea (Lakh MT) Value (Million US \$)

From Oman Through STE Total

2009-10 20.62 31.48 52.10 1212.65

2010-11 20.64 45.46 66.10 1832.50

2011-12 20.69 57.65 78.34 3222.48

2012-13 16.53 62.11 78.64 2905.51

Fertilizers other than Urea are imported under Open General Licence (OGL). Companies import these fertilizers as per their commercial judgment. Government do not maintain the value of these imports since 2010-11. However, Government is paying subsidy on P&K fertilizers under Nutrient Based Subsidy Scheme. The year-wise details of quantity of P&K fertilizers imported during the last three years and current year (up to Feb, 2013) is as under:-

(Quantity in Lakh MT)

Year	DAP	TSP	NPK	MOP #	MAP
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2009-10	58.89	0.87	0.00	41.62	1.93
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2010-11	74.11	0.98	9.81	45.00	1.88
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2011-12	69.05	1.60	36.73	26.93	4.94
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2012-13	57.79	0.00	4.05	18.14	1.52
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Up to Feb, 2013

For direct agriculture use

(b)(i) The name of the companies who imported the fertilizers (except urea on Government account) during last three years and the current year are Agrigold Organics Pvt. Ltd, Coromandel International Limited, Chambal Fertilizers & Chemicals Ltd., Deepak Fertilizers & Petrochemicals Ltd., Foliage, Greenstar Fertilizer Ltd., Godavari Fertilizers & Chemicals Ltd., Gujarat Narmada Valley Fertilizers & Chemicals Ltd., Indian potash Limited, Gujarat State Fertilizer & Chemicals Ltd., HPM Chemicals & Fertilizes, Indian Farmers Fertilizers Cooperative Ltd., Indo Gulf Fertilizers Ltd, Mosaic India (P) Ltd., Mangalore Chemicals & Fertilizers Limited, Paradip Phosphate Ltd., Rashtriya Chemicals & Fertilizers Ltd., Sunfert International Pvt.Ltd, Tata Chemicals Ltd., Tungabhadra Fertilizers & Chemicals Ltd., Fertilizers & Chemicals Travancore Ltd., Shriram Fertilizers, Nagarjuna Fertilizers & Chemicals Ltd., National Fertilizers Limited, Krishak Bharati Cooperative Ltd., Zuari Holdings Limited. Urea is being imported on Government Account through three State Trading Enterprises (STEs), namely M/s Indian Potash Limited, State Trading Corporation Limited and Minerals & Metal Trading Corporation Limited.

(ii) The countries from where the fertilizers have been imported during the last three years and current year are Australia, Bahrain, Belarus, China, Canada, Chile, CIS, Egypt, Estonia, Germany, Greece, Indonesia, Iran, Israel, Jordan, Korea, Kuwait, Latvia, Lithuania, Malaysia, Mexico, Morocco, Oman, Philippines, Qatar, Romania, Russia, S. Arabia, S. Africa, Singapore, Spain, Turkey, Tunisia, UAE, USA UK, Tallinn, Ukraine, Ventspils and Vietnam.

(c) Yes, Madam.

(d) In order to ensure availability of good quality of fertilizers to the farmers, the Government has promulgated the Fertilizer (Control) Order, 1985. The specifications of various fertilizers have been specified under FCO, 1985. The Fertilizer Inspectors of Central Fertilizer Quality Control and Training Institute (CFQC&TI) Faridabad and the Regional Fertilizer Quality Control laboratories at Mumbai, Kalyani and Chennai regularly inspect and collect fertilizer samples for quality check from all the fertilizer vessels discharging at Indian ports. The subsidy on imported fertilizers is paid only if these fertilizers conform to quality specifications as per FCO.

The number of ship/containers inspected and found Non-standard and also the number of samples drawn and analysed from imported fertilizers during 2009-10, 2010-11, 2011-12 and 2012-13 (upto February, 2013) are as follows:

Year	No.of Ships/ containers found inspected	No. of Ships/ Non- standard drawn and analysed	Total No. of samples drawn and analysed
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2009-10	1008	2	9530
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2010-11	1254	4	9686
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2011-12 1367 7 10705

2012-13 (up 1080 6 7694
to Feb, 2013)