

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

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

- (a) whether gypsum is being used by the farmers in many States as it increase the soil nutrients, land fertility and used as low cost fertilizer;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the demand for gypsum has been increasing day-by-day;
- (d) if so, the quantum of demand and production of gypsum during the last three years and the current year, year and State/UT-wise; and
- (e) the steps taken by the Union Government to increase the production of gypsum in the country?

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) & (b) Gypsum is mainly used as soil conditioner.

(c) to (e) Since Gypsum is not a Fertilizer under Fertilizer Control Order 1985, no data on its production and consumption is being maintained presently.