

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

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IMPORT OF P K FERTILIZERS  
Bajwa Shri Partap Singh

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

(a) Whether the Government has taken any initiatives/steps to reduce the dependency on import of P&K Fertilizers and increase their production in the country: and

(b) If so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS AND MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF STATISTIC AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI SRIKANT KUMAR JENA)

(a) & (b) ; Yes Madam.

(i) In order to reduce the dependency of the country on import of P&K Fertilizers including its raw materials and for increasing its production, the Government is encouraging acquisition of fertilizer assets/resources by Indian PSUs/Companies and setting up of joint venture fertilizer projects abroad in the resource rich countries with long-term off-take agreements at some preferential prices from such countries.

(ii) The Government is providing loans under plan fund to public sector fertilizer companies to renovate their old plants to maximize production.

(iii) The Government is allowing companies to use various blends of rock phosphate to manufacture Single Super Phosphate (SSP) one of the fertilizers used as substitute of DAP.

(iv) Public Sector fertilizer companies namely Rashtriya Chemical Fertilizers(RCF), National Fertilizer Limited(NFL) and FCI Aravally Gypsum & Minerals India Ltd.(FAGMIL) are in the process of setting up of SSP plants.

(v) Other Public Sector Undertaking namely Fertilizers and Chemicals Travancore(FACT) is in process of increasing the capacity of their Phosphoric Acid Plant and its NP Plants.

(vi) Due to favourable policies for SSP, private fertilizer companies are also planning to set up SSP plants.