

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

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DEMAND AND SUPPLY OF FERTILIZERS

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

- (a) whether there is a gap between the demand and supply of fertilizers in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor, State-wise; and
- (c) the steps being taken by the Government to bridge the gap between the demand and supply of fertilizers and to achieve self-sufficiency in the production of fertilizers in the country, fertilizer-wise?

Answer

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

(a) No, Madam.

(b) Question does not arise.

(c) The gap in the demand and domestic production of fertilizer is met through imports. In addition to import, the Government encourages the Indian Fertilizer entities for acquiring fertilizer assets/resources and to set up Joint Ventures Fertilizer Projects abroad in the resources rich countries and also encourages to enter into long term off -take agreements for supply of fertilizers/fertilizer inputs at some preferential prices from such countries. The Government has notified the New Investment Policy 2012 on 2nd January 2013 to facilitate fresh investment in urea sector in future and to reduce India's import dependency in urea production.