

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

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PROMOTION OF USAGE OF WATER SOLUBLE FERTILIZERS
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Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is formulating a new policy that seeks to promote the usage of water soluble fertilizers;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether water-soluble fertilizers are being imported from Israel, Norway and other countries; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and price at which these fertilizers are being imported?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SRIKANT KUMAR JENA)

(a) and (b): Presently, Department of Fertilizers administers Concession Scheme on decontrolled Phosphatic & Potassic fertilizers. Accordingly, Di Ammonium Phosphate (DAP), Muriate of Potash (MOP), 12 grades of NPK Complexes, Mono Ammonium Phosphate (MAP), Triple Super Phosphate (TSP), Ammonium Sulphate (AS) and Single Super Phosphate (SSP) are provided to the farmers at the subsidized rates. Water soluble fertilizers are not covered under the Concession Scheme of decontrolled Phosphatic & Potassic fertilizers. However, the Fertilizer (Control) Order, 1985 incorporates liquid and 100% water-soluble fertilizers, which are allowed to be sold as fertilizers in India.

(c) & (d) The main exporting countries of water soluble fertilizes are Israel, Norway, Belgium, The Netherlands, China etc. Indian Importer import Water Soluble Fertilizers from these countries for marketing in India. It is estimated that import of Water Soluble Fertilizers in India is about 37000-40000 MT annually at present. Prices of water soluble fertilizers vary from time to time and from country to country. However, the current indicative prices of some of important water soluble fertilizers as indicated by the Fertilizer Industry Association are as under:-

Water soluble fertilizer/Product Price (US\$/tonne)

NPK 19:19:19	950
Potassium Nitrate (13:0:45)	900
Calcium Nitrate	375
Mono Ammonium Phosphate (MAP) 12:61:0	800
Mono Potassium Phosphate (MKP) 0-52-34	1000-1200
Sulphate of Potash (SOP)	700