

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

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

- (a) whether most of the imported fertilizers are either of inferior quality or spurious;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto;
- (c) whether appropriate testing facilities are available for testing these imported fertilizers as per international standards;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the action taken in this regard;
- (e) the monitoring mechanism over the quality of fertilizers being imported by the public and private sector companies into the country; and
- (f) the steps taken for the import of quality fertilizers?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): No Madam, the total number of ships/containers inspected and ships/containers found non-standard by Central Fertilizer Quality Control & Training Institute (CFQC&TI), Faridabad and its regional laboratories during 2009-10 to 2011-12 are as under:-

Year	Number of ships/ containers inspected	Number of ships/containers found non-standard
2009-10	1008	02
2010-11	1254	05
2011-12	1367	07

(c)&(d): Yes Madam, the imported fertilizers are tested by Central Fertilizer Quality Control & Training Institute (CFQC&TI), Faridabad and its regional laboratories at Chennai, Mumbai and Kalyani as per the procedure prescribed in Fertilizer Control Order (FCO), 1985.

(e)&(f): 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 and analyse in their laboratory. The subsidy on imported fertilizers is paid only if these fertilizers conform to quality specifications as per FCO.