

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

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that India imported 6.4 million tonne of urea at market price in 2012-13 and if diversion of gas is vetted, an additional 4.75 million tonnes will have to be imported;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the present average cost of gas based domestic urea is about US\$ 215 per MT and the prevailing price of imported urea is US \$ 305 per MT; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b) Import of urea for direct agriculture use is made on Government account to bridge the gap between demand and indigenous availability. During the year 2012-13 a quantity of 6.21 million MT of urea was imported on Government account at prevailing market price through the State Trading Enterprises (STEs). Beside this a quantity of 0.40 million MT of urea was imported from Oman India Fertilizer Company (OMIFCO) at market price (i.e. 95% of the published prices of granular urea for Arabian Gulf). If the proposal for diversion of 9.40 mmscmd gas from urea sector to power sector would have been vetted, an additional quantity of 4.75 million MT of urea had to be imported to ensure adequate availability of urea in the country.

(c) & (d) The weighted average price of different gas based urea units during the year 2012-13 was US \$ 239 PMT as against the weighted average price of US \$ 417.40 PMT C&F for urea imported on Government account through STE's. The weighted average C&F price for urea imported through STE's during the current year (up to November, 2013) is US \$ 321.05 PMT C&F.