

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

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

- (a) whether fertilizers are being imported to meet the domestic demand;
- (b) if so, the quantum and value of various fertilizers imported during each of the last three years and the current year, fertilizer-wise;
- (b) the names of the countries from where these fertilizers are being imported;and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to reduce the import of fertilizers and boost the production of fertilizers in the country?

Answer

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

(a) Yes Madam.

(b) Urea is the only fertilizer imported on Government account for direct agriculture use to meet the gap between assessed demand and indigenous availability. The year-wise quantity and value of urea imported on Government Account during the last three years and current year (upto November 2013) are as below:-

Year Quantity of urea (Lakh MT) Value (Million US \$)

From Oman Through STE Total

2009-10 20.62 31.48 52.10 1212.65

2010-11 20.64 45.46 66.10 1832.50

2011-12 20.69 57.65 78.34 3222.48

2012-13 18.33 62.11 80.44 2936.97

2013-14 14.62 42.91 57.53 1641.49

Fertilizers other than Urea are imported under Open General Licence (OGL). Companies import these fertilizers as per their commercial judgment. Government do not maintain the value of these imports since 2010-11. However, Government is paying subsidy

on P&K fertilizers under Nutrient Based Subsidy Scheme. The year-wise details of quantity of P&K fertilizers imported during the last three years and current year (up to November, 2013) is as under:-

(Quantity in Lakh MT)

Year DAP TSP NPK MOP # MAP

2009-10 58.89 0.87 0.00 41.62 1.93

2010-11 74.11 0.98 9.81 45.00 1.88

2011-12 69.05 1.60 36.73 26.93 4.94

2012-13 57.02 0.00 4.05 18.80 1.52

2013-14 31.07 0.00 2.85 17.36 0.39

up to November, 2013 # for direct agriculture use

(c) The countries from where the fertilizers have been imported during the last three years and current year are Australia, Bahrain, Belarus, China, Canada, Chile, CIS, Egypt, Estonia, Germany, Greece, Indonesia, Iran, Israel, Jordan, Korea, Kuwait, Latvia, Lithuania, Malaysia, Mexico, Morocco, Oman, Philippines, Qatar, Romania, Russia, S. Arabia, S. Africa, Singapore, Spain, Turkey, Tunisia, UAE, USA UK, Tallinn, Ukraine, Ventspils and Vietnam.

(d) The Government has notified the New Investment Policy 2012 to facilitate fresh investment in urea sector and to reduce India's import dependency and boost the production of Urea. Government has also taken initiatives to encourage indigenous production in P&K sector by reducing the custom duty on phosphoric acid to enable indigenous manufacturers of P&K fertilizers to procure this important input at reasonable price. The Nutrient Based Subsidy (NBS) scheme has also been announced on P&K fertilizers w.e.f.01.04.2010 to ensure subsidy on indigenous P&K fertilizers at par with imported P&K fertilizers. Government is also encouraging private sector and public sector companies to explore the possibilities for joint ventures abroad to ensure uninterrupted supply of fertilizer inputs to P&K sector.