GOVERNMENT OF INDIA COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:6914 ANSWERED ON:08.05.2015 POLICY PAPER FOR IMPORT Mani Shri Jose K.

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the quantum of import of crude oil, fertilizers and coal have increased recently;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether a policy paper containing mechanism for import appraisal and reducing import dependence is under preparation;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the manner in which the country's increased dependency on import of these products is likely to be taken care of in the said policy paper?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) (SMT. NIRMALA SITHARAMAN)

(a) and (b): Details of import of crude oil, fertilizers and coal are as under:

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(Values in Million US $)
S1. No. ITEMS 2012-13 2013-14 2014-15
1 Coal, Coke And BriquittesEtc 16995.89 16403.46 17692.07
Fertilizers Crude 1351.63 926.10 1025.43
Fertilizers Manufactured 7403.85 5337.83 6334.80
2 Fertilizers Total 8755.48 6263.93 7360.22
3 Petroleum: Crude 144519.72 143643.36 116442.11
Grand Total (1+2+3) 170271.09 166310.75 141494.41
Note: Figures for 2014-15 are provisional.
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(c) to (e): Import appraisal is done on quarterly basis by the Department of Commerce to see the trend in imports. However, the issues related to strategy for reducing the high import dependency on crude oil, coal and fertilizers are being addressed by the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas; Ministry of Coal; and Department of Fertilizers respectively.