

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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Fertilizer Minerals

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**Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether there is shortage of fertilizers minerals in the country and India depends on import of raw materials for production of main fertilizers;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to make consortium comprising of public and private companies for acquisition of mineral reserves including fertilizers minerals in other countries to meet this shortage; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof along with the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

**Answer**

(a) and (b): The Government does not directly import any raw material required for production of fertilizers. About 25% of Urea requirement of the country is imported by the Government through State Trading Enterprises. However, almost all P&K (phosphatic and potassic) fertilizer producing companies including Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs), cooperative societies etc. are using imported Rock Phosphate, Potash, Phosphoric Acid etc. for production of P&K fertilizers due to non-availability/ shortage in the country. Details of import of fertilizer minerals during the last three years are as follows:

(Quantity in tonnes)

Mineral/Fertilizers 2012-13 2013-14 (P) 2014-15 (P) (upto March 2015)

Gypsum 3218900 3231930 4421048

Rock Phosphate 8160950 7160798 8258191

Sulphur (excl. sublimed, precipitated & colloidal) 1547267 1289979 1626419

(P): Provisional

Source: DGCI&S, Kolkata through Indian Bureau of Mines

(c) and(d): There is no such proposal at present to constitute any such consortium of public and private companies. However, Government has been encouraging Indian Companies to establish Joint Ventures (JVs) abroad in Countries which are rich in fertilizer resources for production facilities with buy back arrangements and to enter into long term agreement for supply of fertilizers and fertilizer inputs to India. The Department of Fertilizer is also working with the goal of having access to acquisition of the fertilizer raw materials abroad. Consortium of India Companies (PSUs/Private/Cooperatives) is constituted on project basis based on the requirements of the companies and prospective offerings from the JV partners.

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