

**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) the details of 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 importing companies and the countries from which these fertilizers were imported during the said period;
- (c) whether these fertilizers are imported due to the shortage of fertilizers in the country;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the mechanism to check the quality of fertilizers which are being imported?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATES IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI NIHAL CHAND)

(a) & (b): Urea is the only fertilizer under statutory price control and it is imported for direct agriculture use on Government account through State Trading Enterprises (STEs) i.e. MMTC Limited (MMTC), State Trading Corporation Limited (STC) and Indian Potash Limited (IPL) to bridge the gap between assessed demand and indigenous production. Government is also importing approximately 20 LMT urea from Oman India Fertiliser Company (OMIFCO) under Long Term Urea Off Take Agreement (UOTA) between GOI & OMIFCO. The import of urea from OMIFCO is made through M/s IFFCO & M/s KRIBHCO. The year-wise quantity and value of urea imported during the last three years and current year (up to May, 2014) are as under:-

Year	Quantity of urea (Lakh MT)	Value (Million US \$)		
	From	Through	Total	
	Oman	STE		
2011-12	20.69	57.65	78.34	3,222.48
2012-13	18.33	62.11	80.44	3,009.49
2013-14	21.21	49.67	70.88	1,968.36
2014-15	3.41	11.49	14.90	439.94

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. 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 May, 2014) is as under:-

(Quantity in Lakh MT)

Year	DAP	TSP	NPK	MOP	#	MAP
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	32.61	0.00	3.62	20.67	0.39	
2014-15	3.30	0.00	0.33	3.07	0.00	

up to May, 2014 # for direct agriculture use Companies who imported these fertilizers during the last three years are Agrigold Organics Pvt. Ltd, Chambal Fertilizers & Chemicals Ltd, Coromandel Internation Ltd, Deepak Fertilizers & Petrochemicals Ltd, Greenstar Fertilizer Ltd., Gujarat State Fertilizers & Chemicals Ltd, HINDALCO/Indo Gulf Fertilizers Ltd, HPM Chemicals & Fertilizes, Indian Farmers Fertilsers Cooperative Ltd, Indian Potash Ltd, KPR Fertilizers Ltd, Krishak Bharati Cooperative, Mangalore Chemicals &Fertilizers Ltd., Mosaic India Pvt. Ltd, Nagarjuna Fertilizers and Chemicals Ltd, Paradeep Phosphates Ltd, Rashtriya Chemicals & Fertilizers Ltd, Shriram Fert's & Chemicals, Sunfert International Pvt.Ltd, Tata Chemicals Ltd, Zuari Agro Chemicals Ltd.

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.

(b) : Yes Madam, urea, DAP and other NPK fertilisers are being imported to bridge the gap between assessed demand and the indigenous availabilities of these fertilizers. The entire requirement of MOP in the country is met through imports as there are no viable reserves of potash in the country.

(d) & (e): the quality of the fertilizers is checked at load ports by the surveyors appointed by the importers. Besides this 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.