

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
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ANSWERED ON
PRODUCTION OF WATER SOLUBLE FERTILIZERS .

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that farmers are predominately using water soluble fertilizers in the country;
- (b) if so, whether all these water soluble fertilizers are 100 per cent imported;
- (c) if so, the details thereof ?
- (d) whether Government has any plan to start the production of these water soluble fertilizers indigenously; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof ?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS

(SHRI SRIKANT KUMAR JENA)

(a) :Farmers are not predominately using water-soluble fertilizers. These fertilizers are mostly used under the drip irrigation system in horticultural crops and high value commercial crops. Estimated consumption is only about 40,000 MTs per annum.

(b) & (c): Water soluble fertilizer is mostly imported. Some of the indigenous fertilizer companies are manufacturing water-soluble fertilizers in the country. However, these fertilizers are mainly imported from Israel, Norway, Belgium, Netherlands, China etc. The prices of water-soluble fertilizers vary from time to time and from country to country. However, the current indicative prices of some of the important water soluble fertilizers are as under :

Water Soluble Fertilizers/Product Price (US \$/tonne)

NPK 19-19-19 1000

Potassium Nitrate (13-0-45) 1000

Calcium Nitrate 400

Mono Ammonium Phosphate

(MAP 12-61-0 800

Mono Potassium Phosphate

(MKP) 0-52-34 1200-1400

Sulphate of Potash (SOP) 900-950

(d) & (e): Subsidy is not provided on the Water-soluble fertilizers. The Government as such, does not have any plan to start production of the water soluble fertilizers, however, some of

the fertilizer companies including Public Sector Undertaking/Co-operatives are manufacturing water soluble fertilizers.