

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS  
DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETROCHEMICALS**

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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1813  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 06.03.2020**

**Increase in import of chemicals and petrochemicals**

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**1813. SHRI K. SOMAPRASAD:**

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

- (a) whether Government is aware of the fact that the import of chemicals and petrochemicals has increased during the last five years;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether Government is aware of the decline in domestic production of chemicals and petrochemicals during the last five years; and
- (d) if so, the reasons therefor and the details of remedial measures taken to meet the growing domestic demand?

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER FOR CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI D. V. SADANANDA GOWDA)**

(a) & (b) Yes, Sir. The import of chemicals and petrochemicals has increased (except during 2018-19) during the last five years. The data related to import of Chemicals and Petrochemicals for the last five years is as under:

<b>Year</b>	<b>Imports (000' MTs)</b>
2014-15	15729
2015-16	17025
2016-17	17529
2017-18	18780
2018-19	18735

(Source: DGCIS)

The increase of imports of chemicals & petrochemicals is mainly due to insufficient domestic production capacity to meet the growing domestic demands, comparatively higher cost of production in the country, comparatively smaller scale of operations, etc.

(c) & (d) No Sir. There is no decline in domestic production of chemicals and petrochemicals during the last five years as is evident from the production figures shown below:

<b>Year</b>	<b>Production (000' MTs)</b>
2014-15	41887
2015-16	45638
2016-17	46661
2017-18	47881
2018-19	49108

(Source: S&M Division: Data collected from 222 units being monitored by DCPC)

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