

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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DEPARTMENT OF FERTILIZERS

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**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2113 TO BE ANSWERED ON : 08.08.2023**

**Prices of MOP Fertilizers**

**2113. SHRI TIRUCHI SIVA:**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that in April 2023 India negotiated the price of Muriate of Potash (MOP) fertilizers;
- (b) whether, it is also a fact that the same supplier agreed to supply to China at USD 100 (Rs. 8000 PMT) lower than India;
- (c) whether it is a fact that during this period India imported over one million tones of MOP causing a loss of Rs. 9,500 Crores to the exchequer; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the action taken against guilty?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF STATE FOR CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS

**(SHRI BHAGWANTH KHUBA)**

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(a) & (b): No Sir. P&K Fertilizers Sector is under Open General License Category (OGL) and companies are free to import fertilizers/ raw materials as per market dynamics. During the month of April 2023, the FMB prices of MOP CFR for India were USD 422 PMT and for China USD 590 PMT. As such, the prices of MOP were lower for India as compared to China in the month of April 2023.

(c) & (d): No Sir, as per the information available in the iFMS portal, 8.95 LMT of MOP has been imported between 1<sup>st</sup> April 2023 – 7<sup>th</sup> August 2023. The subsidy rates notified for MOP were Rs. 15420 PMT from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2023 to 30<sup>th</sup> March 2023 which were revised to Rs. 9547 PMT from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2023 to 30<sup>th</sup> September 2023. POS Sales of MOP during this period is 3.97 LMT and therefore, there has been overall savings in NBS subsidy to the tune of Rs. 233.15 Crores (approx.) on MOP.

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