

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS  
DEPARTMENT OF FERTILIZERS

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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2081+ TO BE ANSWERED ON: 31.07.2018

**Procurement of Mineral Fertilizers**

**2081+ SHRIMATI RITI PATHAK:**

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

- (a) whether there is shortage of mineral fertilizers in the country and it is dependent on import of raw fertilizer;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to set up a consortium of public and private parties for procurement of mineral fertilizers along with building mineral reserves to meet the aforesaid shortage; and
- (d) if so, the details of the efforts made in this regard?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS

**(RAO INDERJIT SINGH)**

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(a) & (b): About 1/6<sup>th</sup> of Urea requirement of the country is imported by the Government through State Trading Enterprises (STEs). Government does not import any raw material required for production of fertilizers. However, almost all P&K fertilizer producing companies are using imported Rock Phosphate, Potash, and Phosphoric Acid etc. for production of P&K fertilizers due to non-availability/shortage of the raw materials in the country.

(c) & (d): There is no such proposal at present to constitute any such consortium of public and private companies from Government side. However, Government has been encouraging Indian Companies to establish Joint Ventures 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.

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