

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS  
DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS & PETROCHEMICALS

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ADMITTED UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3305  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 07.08.2018

**Impact of Surfactants**

**3305: SHRI PARBHUBHAI NAGARBHAI VASAVA**

Will the Minister of Chemicals & Fertilizers be pleased to state:-

- (a) The details of various types of surfactants in the country
- (b) The percentage of import/export of surfactants across the country
- (c) Whether the Government has brought all the varieties of surfactants into a single product
- (d) If so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor
- (e) Whether the same has had an adverse impact on the cost of organic products and if so, details and the reasons therefore
- (f) Whether the same has developed a situation of crisis for organic items; and
- (g) If so, details of the steps taken by the Government to resolve the said problem

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND  
MINISTER OF STATE FOR MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS ( RAO  
INDERJIT SINGH)**

(a) There are broadly 03 types of Surfactants used in the country viz. Anionic, Cationic and Non-Ionic

(b) Import and Export data of Surfactants during the last 03 years as obtained from Export Import Data Bank of Department of Commerce, is as under

**Qty in MT**

Commodity	Year of Import			Year of Export		
	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18
Anionic	37909.32	22028.57	23230.25	97178.46	111955.03	120460.76
Cationic	1467.35	1930.57	6063.08	1772.22	1853.51	1779.35
Non-Ionic	16185.06	17211.34	19238.75	38984.75	42147.43	44516.25

(c) The Government has brought the above commodities under ITS (HS) Code 2017 as Organic Surface-Active Agents (Other than Soap) as per details given below in order to identify the specific character and use of a particular commodity.

Sl. No.	ITS HS Code	Commodity
01	3402 11	Anionic
02	3402 12 00	Cationic
03	3402 13 00	Non-ionic

(d) to (g) Do not arise.

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