

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS
DEPARTMENT OF FERTILIZERS

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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4402 + TO BE ANSWERED ON: 08.01.2019

Urea Import

4402: SHRI NIHAL CHAND:

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

- (a) the policy/norms fixed by the Government for the agencies importing urea from the foreign country along with the time limits, if any, fixed for the said import;
- (b) whether the Government has received any complaints or noticed any shortcomings against any agency importing urea; and
- (c) if so, the details of the action taken/being taken by the Government in this regards?

ANSWER

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

(RAO INDERJIT SINGH)

(a): In order to bridge the gap between the assessed requirement and estimated production, the Department of Fertilizers (DoF) has been importing urea on government account. At present the import of Urea is canalised through the two STEs viz MMTC & STC. Besides this there is long term agreement with Oman i.e. UOTA (Urea Off Take Agreement) under which the Government is importing approximately 20 Lakh Metric Tonnes urea from Oman India Fertiliser Company (OMIFCO).

For each season, the quantity of urea to be imported is decided by Steering Committee of Secretaries (SCOS). Steering Committee of Secretaries, consists of Secretary (F) (as Chairman), Chairman Railway Board, Secretary (Commerce), Secretary (Expenditure), Secretary (Agriculture) and Secretary (Shipping), SCOS decides the overall quantity of urea required to be imported on Government Account and authorises Secretary (F) as Chairperson of SCOS to determine the timing, quantity and STE to import urea on Government Account for ensuring adequate availability of Urea in the Country.

The STEs imports on the basis of Global tendering. The quantities are procured by the State Trading Enterprises (STEs) viz MMTC and STC at L1 rates out of the available bids.

(b) & (c): There is no complaint received against any of the agencies importing urea.
