

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS  
DEPARTMENT OF FERTILIZERS

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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2633+ TO BE ANSWERED ON 09.07.2019

Import of Fertilizers

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

- (a) the Government's policy regarding import of fertilizers;
- (b) the names of the importing companies and the details of the countries and the quantum and price of the fertilizers imported during each of the last three years and the current year;
- (c) whether appropriate testing facilities are available in the country to test these fertilizers regarding the conformity to international standards and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) the manner in which the monitoring mechanism is working to test the quality of fertilizers being imported by the said companies; and
- (e) the important decisions taken by the Government during the said period to make the country self sufficient in the production of fertilizers?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS

**(SHRI D.V. SADANANDA GOWDA)**

(a): The import of urea for direct agriculture use is made on Government account to bridge the gap between assessed demand and indigenous production. Urea for direct agriculture use is imported on Government account through State Trading Enterprises (STEs) namely MMTC Limited (MMTC) and State Trading Corporation Limited (STC) under the Foreign Trade Policy of the Government. Government is also importing approximately 20 Lakh Metric Tonnes urea from Oman India Fertiliser Company (OMIFCO) under a Long Term Urea Off Take Agreement (UOTA) between GOI & OMIFCO.

The Steering Committee of Secretaries (SCOS) with Secretary (Fertilizers) as Chairman, Secretary, Ministry of Commerce, Secretary, Department of Expenditure, Secretary, Department of Agriculture & Cooperation, Secretary, Department of Shipping, Member (Traffic) Railway Board, as members, is empowered to decide the quantity to be imported, based on the assessed demand and indigenous production and the timing of import.

Import of fertilizers (other than Urea) is free, commonly known as Open General Licence (OGL). Various companies import these fertilizers as per their commercial judgment.

(b): The name of the importing companies and the details of the countries and the quantum (other than Urea) are as per Annexure- A and Annexure-B. The price of fertilizers imported (other than Urea) not maintained by the DOF.

The details the countries from where urea is imported are as per Annexure – C. The total quantum and value of urea imported during the last three years and current financial year in the country is as under:

Year	From OMI-FCO	Wt. Avg. CFR rate for OMIFCO	Through STE (In LMT)					Total Urea Imported through STE	Wt. Avg. CFR rate through STE import
	(LMT)	(US\$ PMT)	IPL	MMTC	STC	NFL	RCF	(LMT)	(US\$ PMT)
2016-17	20.02	157.50	4.37	16.35	14.07	-	-	34.79	210.42
2017-18	20.93	163.32	17.31	13.13	-	4.01	4.37	38.82	245.74
2018-19	19.51	180.03	11.21	44.09	-	-	-	55.30	305.44
2019-20	04.81	180.61	-	09.00	-	-	-	09.00	274.88

\* upto June, 2019

(c) & (d): 86 Nos. of Notified Fertilizer Testing Laboratories are existing in the country (including 04 Nos. of Notified Fertilizers Testing laboratories of Government of India) with annual analytical capacity of 1.78 lakhs samples. All the notified Fertilizer Testing Laboratories is having appropriate testing facility and is functioning as per the procedure prescribed in FCO. The method of analysis prescribed in Fertilizer Control Order, 1985 schedule II Part B are with the conformity of International Standards and extracted from Bureau of India Standards (BIS) and Association of Analytical Chemist (AOAC) references which are internationally recognized organization. All the Notified Fertilizer Testing Laboratories and the Fertilizer Enforcement Agencies are working under the mechanism and regulations specified with the provisions of Fertilizer Control Order, 1985 Schedule II Part A& B with respect to the inspection of fertilizers from the Dealers network, manufacturing unit and also from the bulk shipments discharging at Sea Ports throughout the country.

(e): The Government had announced New Investment Policy – 2012 on 2nd January, 2013 and its amendment on 7th October 2014 to facilitate fresh investment in urea sector and to make India self-sufficient in the urea sector.

Under NIP- 2012 read with its amendment, Matix Fertilizers & Chemicals Limited (Matix) has set up a Coal Bed Methane(CBM) based Greenfield Ammonia-Urea complex at Panagarh, West Bengal. The commercial production of Matix started on 1st October, 2017. Chambal Fertilizers & Chemicals Limited has also set up a Brownfield project at Gadepan, Rajasthan. The commercial production of CFCL-III started on 1st January, 2019.

These plants are likely to add the capacity of around 12.7 LMT each to the indigenous urea production of the country.

Government of India is also reviving 5 closed fertilizer plants of Fertilizer Corporation of India Ltd. (FCIL) and Hindustan Fertilizer Corporation Ltd. (HFCL) namely Talcher, Ramagundam, Gorakhpur and Sindri plants of FCIL and Barauni plant of HFCL by setting up new Ammonia Urea plants of 12.7 Lakh metric tonne per annum capacity. These projects upon implementation/ operationalization will bridge the gap between demand and supply of urea in the country. Subsequent to commissioning/ start of the above plants, the indigenous urea production will be enhanced by 63.5 Lakh Metric Tonne per year leading to corresponding reduction in import of urea.

The Cabinet in its meeting held on 21.05.2015 has also decided to install a new urea plant of 8.646 Lakh Metric Tonne Per Annum (LMTPA) in the existing premises of Brahmaputra Valley Fertilizers Corporation Limited (BVFCL), which will subsequently replace the existing urea plants Namrup-II (capacity 2.20 LMTPA) and Namrup-III (capacity 2.70 LMTPA)

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## ANNEXURE - A

## Agency wise Import of Fertilizers during last 3 Years and current year

&lt;Figures in Lakh MT)

Importing Agency	2016-17			2017-18			2018-19			2019-20 (up to June, 19)		
	DAP	MOP	NPK	DAP	MOP	NPK	DAP	MOP	NPK	DAP	MOP	NPK
CHAMBAL	9.50	1.69	0.99	8.39	3.35	0.07	9.10	1.92	0.11	1.96	1.46	-
CIL	0.45	1.20	-	0.39	3.41	-	2.95	4.02	-	-	0.76	-
DEEPAK	0.42	0.33	0.55	-	1.71	-	0.53	1.00	0.66	-	-	-
FACT	-	0.24	0.27	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Greenstar	0.75	-	0.22	0.35	-	0.82	0.37	-	0.74	-	-	-
GSFC	0.99	-	-	1.63	-	-	3.32	-	0.23	0.98	0.36	0.53
HINDALCO	0.32	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
IFFCO	4.05	6.20	-	-	5.43	-	9.52	4.54	-	2.23	1.14	-
IPL	12.94	18.76	2.79	12.97	19.49	2.28	13.97	17.63	1.63	5.39	5.98	0.55
IRCA Agrochem	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.66	2.65	-	1.43	0.39	-
Kanpur Fertilizer	0.32	-	-	0.32	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
KRIBHCO	4.25	-	0.39	3.60	-	0.96	5.56	-	0.88	3.20	-	-
MCF	0.66	0.74	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
MCFL	0.43	0.59	-	0.69	1.89	0.22	0.97	1.06	0.32	-	0.20	-
MFL	-	0.28	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
MOSAIC	4.43	0.71	-	5.68	2.56	-	5.50	2.06	-	-	1.00	-
NFCL	0.31	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
NFL	0.50	-	-	2.81	0.27	0.64	7.82	-	0.37	2.07	0.66	1.04
PPL	0.65	1.15	-	-	0.75	-	1.17	1.18	-	-	0.24	-
RCF	0.58	0.71	-	0.47	1.05	-	0.48	1.60	0.52	1.51	0.90	0.50
TCL	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
ZIL	0.76	0.72	-	2.43	2.29	-	-	0.20	-	-	-	-
Grand Total:	43.85	37.36	5.21	42.17	47.36	4.99	66.02	42.14	5.46	18.77	13.37	2.62

MOP includes both Agriculture and Industrial use

## ANNEXURE - B

## Country wise Import of Fertilizers other than Urea during last 3 Years and current year

&lt;Figures in Lakh MT)

Country Name	2016-17			2017-18			2018-19			2019-20 (up to June, 19)		
	DAP	MOP	NPK	DAP	MOP	NPK	DAP	MOP	NPK	DAP	MOP	NPK
Australia	0.39	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.30	-	-
Belarus	-	-	-	-	7.18	-	-	-	-	-	3.32	-
Canada	0.47	7.58	0.90	-	11.01	-	13.34	-	-	-	2.91	-
China	21.76	-	0.28	18.94	-	0.59	31.01	0.24	-	8.67	-	0.60
CIS+Belarus	-	5.41	-	-	-	-	-	6.51	-	-	-	-
Cyprus	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.66	-
Estonia	-	-	0.81	-	-	1.10	-	-	1.63	-	-	0.55
Germany	-	0.55	-	-	1.81	-	-	1.00	-	-	0.31	-
Indonesia	-	-	0.85	-	-	0.93	-	-	0.23	-	-	0.53
Israel	-	7.06	-	-	7.06	-	-	6.87	-	-	1.77	-
Jordan	1.08	4.85	-	2.27	5.41	-	3.20	5.72	-	1.02	1.73	-
Lithuania	-	4.89	-	-	4.60	-	-	4.39	-	-	1.52	-
Morocco	1.62	-	-	0.54	-	-	6.47	-	-	0.53	-	-
Russia	1.60	6.78	2.37	1.45	10.02	2.37	1.18	4.07	3.38	0.66	0.82	0.94
Saudi-Arabia	11.90	-	-	13.18	-	-	22.02	-	0.22	7.59	0.33	-
UAE	-	-	-	0.31	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
USA	5.03	-	-	5.48	-	-	2.14	-	-	-	-	-
Uzbekistan	-	0.24	-	-	0.27	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Grand Total:</b>	<b>43.85</b>	<b>37.36</b>	<b>5.21</b>	<b>42.17</b>	<b>47.36</b>	<b>4.99</b>	<b>66.02</b>	<b>42.14</b>	<b>5.46</b>	<b>18.77</b>	<b>13.37</b>	<b>2.62</b>

MOP includes both Agriculture and Industrial use

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ANNEXURE - C

Country wise Import of Urea during last 3 Years and current year

<Figures in Lakh MT)

Country Name	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20 (up to June, 19)
	Urea	Urea	Urea	Urea
Algeria	0.45	-	3.03	-
Bahrain	0.78	1.19	1.68	0.86
China	8.20	7.47	14.30	0.47
Egypt	2.25	-	3.82	1.46
Finland	-	-	1.02	-
Indonesia	-	-	0.33	0.88
Iran	14.56	20.35	13.11	-
Kuwait	2.19	1.14	0.41	-
Lativa	-	-	0.52	-
Nigeria	-	-	0.31	-
Oman	22.91	25.12	25.68	7.79
Pakistan	-	0.96	-	-
Qatar	-	0.42	1.96	0.62
Russia	1.11	0.53	1.98	-
Saudi-Arabia	-	0.70	2.69	-
UAE	0.52	1.33	3.97	1.73
Ukraine	1.84	0.54	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>54.81</b>	<b>59.75</b>	<b>74.81</b>	<b>13.81</b>

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