

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS
DEPARTMENT OF FERTILIZERS

LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 651 TO BE ANSWERED ON 25.06.2019

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651: SHRI VINCENT H. PALA:

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

- (a) the expenditure incurred on import of Fertilizer during each of the last five years;
- (b) the names of top ten countries from where fertilizers have been imported into the country, during the said period;
- (c) the names of Government PSUs involved in importing the same along with the quantity of fertilizers imported, fertilizers-wise;
- (d) the quantity of Fertilizers being produced in the country annually during the said period; and
- (e) the amount spent on subsidy every year?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS

(SHRI D.V. SADANAND GOWDA)

(a): The expenditure incurred on import of Fertilizers during each of the last five years is as under:

Year	Expenditure (Rs. in crore)		
	Imported Urea	Imported P&K	Total
2014-15	16,200.00	8,667.30	24,867.30
2015-16	16,400.00	9,968.56	26,368.56
2016-17	11,256.59	6,999.99	18,256.58
2017-18	9,980.00	7,900.00	17,880.00
2018-19	17,155.36	9,260.00	26,415.36

(b): The top ten countries from which the Fertilizers imported are China, Oman, Saudi Arabia, Iran, Russia, Canada, Jordan, Israel, USA and Lithuania.

(c): 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. With effect from 05.10.2018 M/s IPL has been de-listed from the list of STEs by DGFT. M/s Rashtriya Chemicals & Fertilizers (RCF) and M/s National Fertilizers Limited (NFL) also imported urea for a limited time period. The quantum of urea along with the names of importing Govt. PSU during each of the last five years is as under:

(Qty. in Lakh MT)

Year	Through STE			
	STC	MMTC	NFL	RCF
2014-15	15.37	40.35	N/A	N/A
2015-16	19.94	16.76	N/A	N/A
2016-17	14.06	16.35	N/A	N/A
2017-18	00.00	13.13	4.01	4.37
2018-19	00.00	44.09	N/A	N/A

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. The quantum of P&K fertilizers imported by Government PSU during the last five years is as under:

(Qty. in Lakh MT)

Name of PSUs	Name of Fertilizers	FACT	GSFC	MFL	NFL	RCF
2014-15	DAP		0.54			
	MOP	0.32				2.25
	NPK					
2015-16	DAP		1.21		0.35	0.18
	MOP			0.20		2.51
	NPK					
2016-17	DAP		0.99		0.50	0.58
	MOP	0.24		0.28		0.71
	NPK	0.27				
2017-18	DAP		1.63		2.81	0.47
	MOP				0.27	1.05
	NPK				0.64	
2018-19	DAP		3.32		7.82	0.48
	MOP					1.60
	NPK		0.23		0.37	0.52

(d): The quantity of Fertilizers being produced in the country annually during the last five years as under:

(Production figure in 'LMT')

Year	Urea	A/S	DAP	Complex	SSP
2014-15	225.85	4.41	34.44	78.32	42.36
2015-16	244.75	4.14	37.87	83.01	43.39
2016-17	242.01	4.90	43.65	79.66	44.18
2017-18	240.23	5.57	46.50	82.57	38.75
2018-19	240.00	5.17	38.99	89.98	40.72

(e): The amount spent on subsidy annually during the last five years as under:

Year	Expenditure (in Cr.)
2014-15	75,067.31
2015-16	76,537.56
2016-17	70,100.01
2017-18	69,197.96
2018-19	73,435.21