

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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DEPARTMENT OF FERTILIZERS

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Decrease in use of Potash Fertilizers

4084: SHRI BRIJENDRA SINGH:

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

- (a) whether the demand for Potash that is mainly used for fertilizers has decreased in India;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the decrease in use of Potash fertilizers has reduced the crop yield;
- (d) if so, the details thereof along with the alternatives identified for Potash fertilizer;
- (e) whether the Government has taken initiatives to reduce its import dependence on Potash; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof, and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS

(SHRI BHAGWANTH KHUBA)

(a) to (d): No Sir. The demand of Potash fertilizers have increased from 142.95 LMT to 159.84 LMT from FY 2019-20 to 2021-22. Similarly the consumption of fertilizers have also increased from 132.81 LMT to 145.30 LMT for the corresponding period.

(e) & (f): India is fully dependent on imports in Potassic sector and to the extent of 90% in Phosphatic sector in the form of either finished products or its raw material. Thus, it becomes difficult to achieve 100% indigenous production. However, following steps are taken to boost indigenous production and reduction in import:

- (i) Including Potash derived from Molasses (PDM) under the NBS scheme.
- (ii) indigenous production capacity of P&K fertilizers of 02 plants i.e. Madhya Bharat Agro product Limited and Krishna Phoschem Ltd has been increased to 2.4 LMT and 3.3 LMT respectively.
