

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
DEPARTMENT OF FERTILIZERS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3801 TO BE ANSWERED ON : 11.08.2023

Muriate of Potash Fertilizers

3801 SHRI MANISH TEWARI:

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

- (a) whether it is true that India has negotiated the price of Muriate of Potash(MOP) fertilizers for the current year and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether, it is true that the same supplier to India agreed to supply to China at USD 100(Rs. 8000 PMT) lower than India;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether it is a fact that during this period India imported over one million tones of MOP causing a loss of Rs. 9,500 Crores to the exchequer; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof along with the action taken/proposed to be taken against those guilty?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS
(SHRI BHAGWANTH KHUBA)

(a) & (b): No Sir. P&K Fertilizers Sector is under Open General License Category (OGL) and companies are free to import fertilizers/ raw materials as per market dynamics. During the current Financial year, the FMB prices of MOP CFR for India negotiated in April 2023, were USD 422 PMT and for China were USD 590 PMT. As such, the prices of MOP were lower for India as compared to China in the month of April 2023.

(c) to (e): No Sir, as per the information available in the iFMS portal, 8.95 LMT of MOP has been imported between 1st April 2023 – 7th August 2023. The subsidy rates notified for MOP were Rs. 15420 PMT from 1st January 2023 to 30th March 2023 which were revised to Rs. 9547 PMT from 1st April 2023 to 30th September 2023. POS Sales of MOP during this period is 3.97 LMT and therefore, there has been overall savings in NBS subsidy to the tune of Rs. 233.15 Crores (approx.) on MOP.
