

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS  
DEPARTMENT OF FERTILIZERS**

**LOK SABHA**

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO 1535**

**TO BE ANSWERED ON 20.09.2020**

**UREA AND DAP IMPORT**

1535: SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR SINGH:

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

- (a) the quantity and monetary value of urea and DAP imported by India from various countries between 2010 & 2020, country-wise and year-wise;
- (b) the steps taken by the Government to reduce the imports of Urea and DAP;
- (c) the steps being taken by the Government to nudge the farmers to slash their fertilizer usage, especially in the use of urea?

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER FOR CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS**

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

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(a) The details of Urea and DAP imported in the country through various ports of the country between 2010 & 2020, country-wise and year-wise is as per ANNEXURE-'A' and monetary value of Urea is as per ANNEXURE- 'B' respectively.

Import of fertilisers (other than urea) is free, commonly known as Open General Licence (OGL). Various companies import these fertilisers as per their commercial judgement. Government do not maintain the value of these imports.

(b) The Government had announced New Investment Policy (NIP)-2012 on 2<sup>nd</sup> January, 2013 and its amendment on 7<sup>th</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> October, 2017. Chambal Fertilizers & Chemicals Limited (CFCL) has also set up a Brownfield project at Gadepan, Rajasthan. The commercial production of CFCL-III started on 1<sup>st</sup> January, 2019.

A decision has been taken to revive the four urea units Ramagundam, Gorakhpur, Sindri plants of FCIL and Barauni plant of HFCL with a capacity of 12.7 Lakh metric tonne each per annum capacity. These plants will add the capacity of around 12.7 LMT each to the indigenous urea production of the country which will reduce the dependency on imports.

The NBS Policy for P&K fertilizers is being implemented w.e.f. 01.04.2010 by the Department of Fertilizers. Under the said policy, a fixed amount of subsidy decided on annual basis, is provided on each grade of subsidized Phosphatic & Potassic (P&K) fertilizers depending on its Nutrient Content. As the P&K fertilizers are decontrolled, the Maximum Retail Price (MRP) is fixed by Companies as per market dynamics at reasonable level. Also, the imports of all the subsidized P&K fertilizers including DAP (excluding Ammonium Sulphate) have been placed under Open General License (OGL) in the NBS Scheme. Further, the main raw materials of DAP, Rock phosphate is available in India in negligible quantities.

(c) With regard to reduction in use of urea, it is mentioned that based on CCEA decision, vide notification dated 25<sup>th</sup> May, 2015 Department of Fertilizers had made it mandatory for all the domestic producers of urea to produce 100% as Neem Coated Urea, with the objective of promoting the balanced use of fertilizers. Entire quantity of indigenous urea and imported urea is being neem coated w.e.f. 1<sup>st</sup> September, 2015 and 1<sup>st</sup> December, 2015 respectively.

Further, based on CCEA decision, vide notification dated 4<sup>th</sup> September, 2017, the Government of India has introduced 45 kg bag of urea in place of 50 kg bag of urea in order to reduce the consumption of urea.

The Government has approved the policy on promotion of city compost which has been notified by the Department of Fertilizers on 10.02.2016 wherein Market Development Assistance (MDA) of Rs. 1500/MT in the form of subsidy has been provided for scaling up production and consumption of city compost.

In order to encourage the concept of balanced and judicious use of fertilizers on soil test based recommendations, the Government of India has implemented soil Health Card scheme. Under the scheme on the basis of Soil test, the soil health cards are provided to the farmers. The soil health card provides the data on the soil fertility status of the particular land holding and also provides the appropriate dosage of fertilizer required for a particular crop.

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## Import of Urea &amp; DAP during 2010-11 to 2019-20

&lt;Figures in Lakh MT)

Country Name	2009-10		2010-11		2011-12		2012-13		2013-14		2014-15		2015-16		2016-17		2017-18		2018-19		2019-20	
	Urea	DAP	Urea	DAP	Urea	DAP	Urea	DAP	Urea	DAP	Urea	DAP	Urea	DAP	Urea	DAP	Urea	DAP	Urea	DAP	Urea	DAP
Algeria					-										0.45				3.03		1.48	-
Australia						1.06		0.44		-					0.39			-			-	1.07
Bahrain	1.59		1.42		0.88										0.78		1.19		1.68		3.56	-
Bangladesh	0.26																					
Canada						0.83		-		-					0.47						-	-
China	5.34	1.00	25.05	25.26	12.80	24.27	37.67	25.32	29.47	17.17	66.34	19.06	42.39	34.84	8.20	21.76	7.46	18.94	14.30	31.01	24.26	19.47
CIS		1.00	2.92	0.23	11.08	-	7.07	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-						
Egypt	0.45				-		-		-		-		-		2.25				3.82		7.02	-
Estoma						-		0.33														
Finland																						
Indonesia	0.57		1.24		1.06	-	0.63	-	1.11	-	-	-	-	-	-	-			1.02		1.51	-
Iran	2.76		11.13		19.97	-	15.76	-	16.49	-	6.52	-	16.53	-	14.56	-	20.36		0.33		6.12	-
Jordan		13.90		6.05		4.58		2.79		1.30		3.02		0.81	1.08		2.27		13.11		3.20	3.02
Korea				0.51																		
Kuwait	0.78				1.02		-		-		-		0.86		2.19		1.14		0.41			
Latvia					-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-			0.52		1.15	-
Lithuania	0.46			2.24	0.44	2.67	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.63	-	-	-					-	-
Nigeria																			0.31			
Malaysia	0.55				0.15		-		-		-		-		-						0.91	-
Mexico		0.10		1.97																		
Morocco				3.45		6.10		6.22		-		-			1.62			0.54		6.47	-	1.08
Oman	23.38		23.66		24.15		18.90		23.31		14.63		23.15		22.91		25.13		25.68		27.58	-
Pakistan					-		-		-		-		-				0.96					
Qatar	3.00				1.33		-		-		-		-		-		0.42		1.96		2.83	-
Romania	0.51				0.94		-		-		-		-		-							
Russia		11.40		7.02	1.95	5.89	-	1.19	0.50	-	-	-	-	3.04	1.11	1.60	0.52	1.45	1.98	1.18	1.44	1.48
Saudi-Arabia	3.00		0.21		1.17	2.78	-	10.41	-	7.06	-	11.86	-	14.48	-	11.90	0.70	13.18	2.69	22.02	1.98	22.08
Tunisia		0.90		1.33																		
Turkey		0.30		0.25																		
UAE			0.47	0.03	0.47	3.14	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.52	-	1.33	0.31	3.97		6.72	-
Ukraine	9.45			0.54	-	0.28	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.18	-	1.84	-	0.54				4.24	-
USA		30.29		24.28		17.45		10.32		7.08		4.59		6.91		5.03		5.48		2.14	-	0.50
Vietnam				0.11	0.93	-	0.41	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-					0.43	-
Grand Total:	52.10	58.89	66.10	74.11	78.34	69.05	80.44	57.02	70.88	32.61	87.49	38.53	84.74	60.08	54.81	43.85	59.75	42.17	74.81	66.02	91.23	48.70

## Annexure-B

Year	Qty in Lakh MT	Value in Million US \$
2009-10	52.10	1055.25
2010-11	66.10	1832.50
2011-12	78.34	3222.46
2012-13	80.44	3009.72
2013-14	70.88	1968.48
2014-15	87.49	2477.35
2015-16	84.74	2087.65
2016-17	54.81	1047.37
2017-18	59.75	1295.87
2018-19	74.81	2040.14
2019-20	91.23	2302.95