

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS
DEPARTMENT OF FERTILIZERS

LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO. 383* TO BE ANSWERED ON: 23.03.2021

Fertilizer Import

*383 SHRI D.M. KATHIR ANAND:

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

- (a) the quantity and value of fertilizers imported into the country along with the most imported fertilizer during the last three years;
- (b) whether the Government is taking measures to reduce the import bill on fertilizers; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS

(SHRI D.V. SADANANDA GOWDA)

(a) to (c): A statement is laid on the table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERED TO PART (a) TO (c) OF LOK SABHA STARRD QUESTION NO. 383* TO BE ANSWERED ON 23.03.2021 REGARDING "FERTILIZER IMPORT" ASKED BY SHRI SHRI D.M. KATHIR ANAND.

(a): The year-wise quantity and value of urea imported during the last three years is as under:-

Year	Urea Imported	Value
	(LMT)	(Million US\$)
2017-18	59.75	1295.72
2018-19	74.81	2040.21
2019-20	91.23	2303.05

Import of P&K fertilizers is free, commonly known as Open General Licence (OGL). Various companies import these fertilizers as per their commercial judgments. Government does not maintain the value of these imports. The year-wise details of quantity of P&K fertilizers imported during the last three years as reported by the companies are as under:-

<Figures in Lakh MT>

Year	DAP	NPK	MOP [#]
2017-18	42.17	4.99	47.36
2018-19	66.02	5.46	42.14
2019-20	48.70	7.46	36.70

[#] MOP includes both for use as direct application as well as NPK manufacture.

Urea is the most imported fertilizer during the last three years.

(b) & (c): The Government had announced New Investment Policy (NIP) – 2012 on 2nd January, 2013 and its amendment on 7th October, 2014 to facilitate fresh investment in the urea sector and to make India self-sufficient in the urea sector. Under NIP – 2012 read with its amendment, Matix and CFCL have set up Greenfield and Brownfield urea plants respectively. Further, a decision has been taken to revive 4 closed units of the Fertilizer Corporation of India Ltd. (FCIL) namely Gorakhpur, Sindri, Talcher and Ramagundam and one closed unit of Hindustan Fertilizer Corporation Ltd. (HFCL) namely Barauni by setting up of new Ammonia-Urea complex. Each of these units has the installed capacity of 12.7 LMT per year.

The Government of India has also notified the New Urea Policy (NUP) – 2015 on 25th May, 2015 for existing 25 gas based urea units with the objective of maximizing indigenous urea production; promoting energy efficiency in urea production; and rationalizing subsidy burden on the Government. NUP-2015 has led to additional production from the existing gas based urea plants.

These measures are meant to reduce the import bill on urea.
