

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO 3388
TO BE ANSWERED ON 16.03.2021**

Import of Chemicals and Petrochemicals

3388: DR. NISHIKANT DUBEY:

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

- (a) whether the import of chemicals and petrochemicals has increased during the last three years;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether there is a decline in domestic production of chemicals and petrochemicals during the said period; and
- (d) if so, the reasons therefor along with the details of the remedial measures taken to meet the growing domestic demand ?

ANSWER

MINISTER FOR CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI D. V. SADANANDA GOWDA)

(a) & (b) Yes, Sir. The import of chemical and chemical products for last three years is as under:

Year	Import (Rupees in Crore)
2017-18	317856
2018-19	394834
2019-20	359660

(Source: DGCIS, Ministry of Commerce and Industry)

The import of Chemicals and Petrochemicals increased due to major factors such as insufficient domestic production capacity to meet the growing domestic demand, comparatively higher cost of production in the country, and also due to comparatively smaller scale of operations.

(c) & (d) Based on Domestic production of major chemicals and petrochemicals monitored by the Department, production of major chemicals and petrochemicals in last three years has increased and details are as under:

Production (in 000' MT)			
	2017-2018	2018-2019	2019-20
Chemicals	11069	11589	11943
Petrochemicals	36813	37519	43524
Total	47882	49108	55467
