

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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DEPARTMENT OF FERTILIZERS

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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3299 TO BE ANSWERED ON 05.08.2022

Import of urea

3299. SHRI KOTHA PRABHAKAR REDDY:

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

- (a) whether the landed price of imported urea in the country has come down by almost 27 per cent since 2014 along with the rates of DAP fertilizers, while their consumption being relatively higher in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the annual domestic consumption of imported DAP since 2014;
- (c) whether the prices of raw materials being used in making ammonia based fertilizer have come down while the prices of the materials used for making other fertilizer have remained largely range bound since 2014; and
- (d) if so, the comparative details and the present status thereof?

ANSWER

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

(a) & (b): Year-wise quantity of imported urea alongwith the weighted average price since 2014-15 is given in the table below:

Year	Quantity (in Lakh MT)	Wt. avg. price in US\$ (PMT)
2014-15	87.49	283.15
2015-16	84.74	246.36
2016-17	54.81	191.08
2017-18	59.75	216.87
2018-19	74.81	272.73
2019-20	91.23	252.43
2020-21	98.28	262.54
2021-22	91.36	661.31
2022-23 (upto July 2022)	21.89	697.43

It is learnt from the table at previous page that weighted average price of imported urea has increased in the year 2022-23 (upto July 2022) as compared to the year 2014-15.

Further, it is informed that all P&K fertilizers are covered under Open General License (OGL) under the Nutrient Based Subsidy (NBS) Scheme. P&K fertilizers are imported by the companies on their commercially viable terms.

The annual consumption of DAP in the country from 2014-15 to 2022-23 (upto 01.08.2022) is as under:-

S. No	YEAR	DAP CONSUMPTION (in LMT)
1	2014-15	75.57
2	2015-16	97.47
3	2016-17	88.23
4	2017-18	89.85
5	2018-19	87.35
6	2019-20	101.01
7	2020-21	119.18
8	2021-22	92.64
9	2022-23 (upto 01.08.2022)	31.63
GRAND TOTAL		782.94

Further, DoF ensures comfortable availability of DAP through indigenous as well as imported means. However, quantity of imported DAP consumed is not maintained separately in DoF.

(c) & (d): The ammonia fertilizers rate has increased since 2014. The reason for increasing in price of ammonia fertilizers is mainly due to gas cost. The following table show the weighted average concession rate from the year 2014-15 to continuing rate for the 3rd quarter of 2021-22.

S.No.	Year	Rs./MT Notified weighted average concession rate (ammonia based fertilizers –Urea)
1.	2014-15	21817
2.	2015-16 (NPS-III)	19433
3.	2015-16 (NUP-2015)	19155
4.	2016-17	16702
5.	2017-18	18906
6.	2018-19	23824
7.	2019-20	23640
8.	2020-21*	18952
9.	2021-22**	31036

Note: * Q3 Notified Rates have been considered**
