

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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DEPARTMENT OF FERTILIZERS

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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2047 TO BE ANSWERED ON: 02.08.2024

IMPORT OF FERTILIZERS

2047 SMT. MALA ROY:

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

- the details of value, quantum and types of fertilizers imported in the country during the last three years;
- whether the Government has taken/proposes to take any steps to reduce and diversify import of fertilizers;
- if so, the details thereof; and
- if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS

(SMT. ANUPRIYA PATEL)

(a): The urea for agriculture purpose is imported on Government account. The details of value and quantum of urea imported in the country during the last three years are as under:

Financial Year	Quantity (in LMT)	Value (In crore Rs.)
2021-22	91.36	50250.40
2022-23	75.80	41365.60
2023-24	70.42	28193.94

The fertilizers other than urea is imported under Open General License (OGL) by the fertilizer companies under Nutrient Based Subsidy (NBS) Scheme with their commercially viable terms. The value of these grade of fertilizers are not maintained in the Department. However, the quantum of P&K fertilizers imported in the country during the last three years are as under:

Financial Year	(Qty in LMT)		
	DAP	MOP	NPK
	As reported by the companies		
2021-22	54.62	24.60	11.70
2022-23	65.83	18.66	27.52
2023-24	55.67	28.69	22.17

(b) to (d): In order to reduce import of Urea in the country, Government of India mandated revival of Ramagundam (Telangana), Gorakhpur (Uttar Pradesh), Sindri (Jharkhand) and Talcher (Odisha) units of Fertilizer Corporation of India Ltd. (FCIL) and Barauni (Bihar) unit of Hindustan Fertilizer Corporation Ltd. (HFCL) through Joint Venture Company (JVC) of nominated PSUs for setting up new ammonia-urea plants of 12.7 LMTPA capacity each. The Ramagundam and Gorakhpur units have been commissioned on 22.03.2021 and 07.12.2021 respectively. Also, Barauni and Sindri units started urea production on 18.10.2022 and 05.11.2022 respectively. These four plants have added 50.8 LMT per annum of domestic urea production capacity in the country.

To diversify fertilizer imports, in the last 3 years fertilizers were sourced from many different countries. This broad range of sources helps ensure a steady supply of fertilizers and reduces dependence on any single country.

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