

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS
DEPARTMENT OF FERTILIZERS

LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. †855 TO BE ANSWERED ON: 29.11.2024

Price of Imported Fertilizers

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

- (a) the quantity and price of fertilizers imported in the country during the last three years, fertilizer-wise and year-wise;
- (b) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to reduce the expenditure on import of fertilizers;
- (c) whether the farmers have to face difficulties during sowing season due to the shortage of fertilizers in the country and if so, the details thereof, State-wise including Uttar Pradesh; and
- (d) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to solve this problem?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS

(SMT. ANUPRIYA PATEL)

(a): The details of quantity and price of imported urea from the year 2021-2022 to 2023-2024 year-wise are as under:

Financial Year	Import Quantity (in Lakh MT)	Value (In Million US\$)
2021-2022	91.36	6,041.06
2022-2023	75.80	4,751.29
2023-2024	70.42	2,608.31

Further, it is informed that all P&K fertilizers are covered under Open General License (OGL) under the Nutrient Based Subsidy (NBS) Scheme. They are imported by the companies on commercially viable terms. The quantity of P&K (DAP, MOP and NPK) fertilizers imported in the country (as reported by the companies) from the year 2021-22 to 2023-24 is given in the table below:

Financial year	<Qty. in Lakh MT>		
	DAP	NPK	MOP *
	As reported by the companies		
2021-2022	54.62	11.70	24.60
2022-2023	65.83	27.52	18.66
2023-2024	55.67	22.17	28.69

* MOP includes both industrial and agriculture use.

(b): In order to increase the indigenous production capacity 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 indigenous urea production capacity in the country and have facilitate reduction of import dependency of Urea.

Government has implemented Nutrient Based Subsidy Policy w.e.f. 01.04.2010 for Phosphatic and Potassic (P&K) Fertilizers. Under the Policy, a fixed amount of subsidy, decided on annual/bi-annual basis, is provided on notified P&K fertilizers depending on their nutrient content. The P&K sector is decontrolled and the fertilizers companies manufacture/import fertilizers as per the market dynamics. To reduce the import of fertilizers, Government has taken following measures:

- (i) Potash derived from Molasses (PDM) which is 100% indigenously manufactured fertilizer has been notified under Nutrient based subsidy (NBS) scheme which is an alternative to MOP and 100% imported.
- (ii) Freight subsidy on SSP, which is an indigenously manufactured fertilizer, is applicable since Kharif, 2022 to promote SSP usage for providing Phosphatic or 'P' nutrient to the soil.

(c) & (d): The data with respect to requirement, availability, sales and closing stock of fertilizers i.e. Urea, DAP, MOP and NPKS for all the states in the country, including Uttar Pradesh, for the ongoing Rabi 2024-25 season is enclosed at **Annexure- A.**

Annexure referred to the reply to part (c) & (d) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 855 for answering on 29.11.2024

FERTILIZERS POSITION DURING RABI 2024-25 (TILL 25.11.24)											
Fig. in LMT											
Sl. No.	States	UREA					DAP				
		Seasonal Requirement for RABI 2024-25	Pro rata Requirement from 01/10/2024 to 25/11/2024	Availability from 01/10/2024 to 25/11/2024	Cumulative DBT Sales from 01/10/2024 to 25/11/2024	Closing Stock as on 25/11/2024	Seasonal Requirement for RABI 2024-25	Pro rata Requirement from 01/10/2024 to 25/11/2024	Availability from 01/10/2024 to 25/11/2024	Cumulative DBT Sales from 01/10/2024 to 25/11/2024	Closing Stock as on 25/11/2024
1	Andaman and Nicobar	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
2	Andhra Pradesh	9.40	2.31	5.06	2.13	2.92	2.00	0.75	1.45	0.87	0.60
3	Arunachal Pradesh	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
4	Assam	1.65	0.69	1.23	0.50	0.74	0.25	0.11	0.23	0.14	0.00
5	Bihar	13.00	4.13	7.32	2.33	5.01	3.00	1.59	2.00	1.31	0.72
6	Chandigarh	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
7	Chhattisgarh	2.40	1.22	1.89	0.37	1.51	0.70	0.42	0.43	0.14	0.29
8	Dadra and Nagar	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
9	Daman and Diu	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
10	Delhi	0.15	0.00	0.10	0.06	0.04	0.00	0.00	0.03	0.02	0.01
11	Goa	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
12	Gujarat	13.75	5.30	5.43	3.19	2.24	2.75	1.67	1.90	1.57	0.34
13	Haryana	11.20	4.53	7.65	4.08	3.56	2.60	2.07	2.36	2.16	0.21
14	Himachal Pradesh	0.37	0.08	0.16	0.06	0.10	0.01	0.00	0.02	0.01	0.01
15	Jammu and Kashmir	0.70	0.07	0.40	0.07	0.33	0.25	0.06	0.19	0.07	0.12
16	Jharkhand	1.00	0.32	1.02	0.28	0.74	0.25	0.13	0.27	0.11	0.15
17	Karnataka	6.50	2.11	5.62	2.13	3.53	1.74	0.62	1.05	0.54	0.53
18	Kerala	0.57	0.23	0.44	0.27	0.17	0.07	0.02	0.06	0.05	0.01
19	Lakshadweep	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
20	Madhya Pradesh	20.00	11.83	12.96	8.64	4.30	8.00	5.42	4.43	3.32	1.10
21	Maharashtra	10.00	2.00	8.74	2.57	6.15	2.50	0.70	1.68	0.75	0.93

22	Manipur	0.10	0.03	0.02	0.00	0.02	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
23	Meghalaya	0.02	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
24	Mizoram	0.01	0.00	0.05	0.03	0.02	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
25	Nagaland	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
26	Odisha	1.85	0.38	1.81	0.46	1.33	0.70	0.11	0.36	0.12	0.24
27	Puducherry	0.09	0.03	0.04	0.03	0.01	0.01	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.00
28	Punjab	15.00	7.54	8.83	4.09	4.70	4.50	3.96	3.46	2.82	0.62
29	Rajasthan	15.00	8.52	9.60	6.57	3.03	3.00	2.63	2.77	2.30	0.48
30	Sikkim	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
31	Tamil Nadu	6.00	2.77	4.22	2.45	1.79	1.30	0.60	1.02	0.63	0.40
32	Telangana	9.80	3.12	5.00	1.24	3.78	1.50	0.55	0.69	0.34	0.35
33	Tripura	0.10	0.02	0.11	0.02	0.09	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
34	Uttarakhand	1.03	0.30	0.47	0.19	0.28	0.15	0.10	0.25	0.13	0.12
35	Uttar Pradesh	39.00	10.83	23.33	7.54	15.79	15.00	10.00	8.82	6.97	1.87
36	West Bengal	8.20	2.27	5.47	1.61	3.79	1.75	0.62	1.02	0.50	0.56
	ALL INDIA	186.89	70.63	116.98	50.91	66.01	52.05	32.13	34.50	24.89	9.75

* Primary Indicator of comfortable availability: Availability > Requirement

** Secondary Indicator of comfortable availability: Availability > Sales

26	Odisha	0.25	0.06	0.26	0.05	0.21	0.75	0.13	0.72	0.17	0.56
27	Puducherry	0.01	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.04	0.01	0.04	0.02	0.02
28	Punjab	0.50	0.28	0.52	0.18	0.34	1.50	1.13	0.99	0.66	0.32
29	Rajasthan	0.10	0.05	0.16	0.08	0.08	1.50	1.20	1.61	1.27	0.34
30	Sikkim	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
31	Tamil Nadu	1.20	0.49	0.81	0.37	0.44	6.00	2.59	3.08	1.90	1.21
32	Telangana	0.70	0.23	0.46	0.15	0.32	7.00	2.42	3.63	1.35	2.44
33	Tripura	0.02	0.00	0.05	0.01	0.04	0.01	0.00	0.02	0.00	0.01
34	Uttarakhand	0.05	0.03	0.06	0.01	0.05	0.20	0.09	0.08	0.07	0.01
35	Uttar Pradesh	1.25	0.85	1.55	0.82	0.73	8.50	5.75	6.26	4.79	1.52
36	West Bengal	1.70	0.62	1.26	0.39	0.88	7.00	3.19	4.23	1.80	2.45
ALL INDIA		11.95	5.26	12.15	4.50	7.69	77.10	34.27	54.66	29.65	25.58

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** Secondary Indicator of comfortable availability: Availability > Sales
