

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
DEPARTMENT OF FERTILIZERS

LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 5745 TO BE ANSWERED ON: 04.04.2025

Demand for Urea

5745: SHRI V K SREEKANDAN:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that the country needs 350 lakh tonnes of Urea annually and out of which 40 lakh tonnes are imported;
- (b) if so, whether it is true that in many parts of the country farmers have been facing acute shortage of urea during their farming activities;
- (c) whether it is also true that the Government is considering to restart some of the closed fertilizer units in the country to reduce the demand and supply gap; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS

(SMT. ANUPRIYA PATEL)

(a): The requirement of Urea and imports done against them during FY 2022-23, 2023-24 and 2024-25 is as under:

Requirement and Imports of Urea during 2022-23 to 2024-25 (Fig. in LMT)		
Year	Requirement	Imports
2022-23	359.19	75.80
2023-24	356.08	70.42
2024-25	364.01	51.69*
* Imports figure for 2024-25 are till Feb.-2025.		

(b): The availability of Urea has remained adequate across the States during FY 2022-23, 2023-24 and 2024-25.

(c) & (d): In order to increase indigenous Urea production in the country Government 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 have started urea production on 18.10.2022 and 05.11.2022 respectively. These four plants have added 50.8 LMT of domestic production capacity in the country”.
