

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
DEPARTMENT OF FERTILIZERS

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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2173 TO BE ANSWERED ON: 01.08.2025

Import of DAP

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

- (a) whether it is true that DAP imports from China have fallen from 23 lakh tons in 2023-24 to 8.4 lakh tons in 2024-25, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether it is also true that not a single ton of DAP has come from China since January, 2025, if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether it is true that China imposed export curbs on DAP and if so, the reasons therefor;
- (d) whether it is true that due to China's restrictions price of DAP has gone up to as much as US\$ 800 per ton of finished DAP, if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the extent to which Ammonium Phosphate Sulphate can be alternative to DAP

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS

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(a) & (b): Phosphatic & Potassic (P&K) fertilizers including Di-Ammonium Phosphate (DAP) are under Open General License (OGL). The fertilizer companies are free to import / manufacture these fertilizers as per their business dynamics. As reported by fertilizer companies, DAP import from China has declined from approximately 22.28

LMT in 2023-24 to about 8.47 LMT in 2024-25. In July 2025, approximately 0.97 LMT of DAP has been imported from China.

(c): In October 2021 China amended its catalogue of commodities requiring mandatory additional inspection prior to export of fertilizer-related items, including DAP.

(d): The CFR (Cost and Freight) price of DAP for India rose from USD 542/MT in April 2024 to approximately USD 800/MT in July 2025.

(e): Ammonium Phosphate Sulphate (APS) may serve as a partial alternative to DAP, particularly in sulphur-deficient soils and for sulphur-demanding crops. APS supplies nitrogen, phosphorus, and sulphur, but contains lower phosphorus 'P' content of 20% as compared to 46% in DAP. Thus, APS is a crop- and soil-specific supplement.
