GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
DEPARTMENT OF FERTILIZERS

LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION **NO. 2527** TO BE ANSWERED **ON: 13.02.2026**

Chemical Fertilisers for Crops

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the demand for chemical fertilisers required for crops in the country is continuously increasing, if so, the total domestic production of urea, DAP and other fertilisers during the last five years and the current year till date, fertiliser-wise and year-wise;

(b) the quantity of the said fertilisers imported from abroad during the said period against the total demand, fertiliser-wise, country-wise and year-wise; and

(c) whether the excessive dependence on imports is adversely affecting fertiliser availability, timely supply and the subsidy burden, if so, the concrete steps being taken by the Government to increase domestic production, ensure self-reliance and make adequate fertilisers available to farmers in a timely manner during the current crop season?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS

(SMT. ANUPRIYA PATEL)

(a) The overall demand, requirement and sales of fertilizers viz. Urea, DAP, MOP and NPKS across the country during the last five years i.e. 2020-21, 2021-22, 2022-23, 2023-24, 2024-25 and in current year 2025-26 (till 08.02.2026) is placed at **Annexure-A**.

Further, the details of domestic production of Urea, DAP and other fertilizers is as under:

Production				(Fig. in LMT)
YEAR	**Urea**	**NPKs**	**DAP**	**SSP**
2020-21	246.05	100.54	37.74	49.35
2021-22	250.72	89.67	42.22	53.34
2022-23	284.94	100.40	43.47	56.44
2023-24	314.09	101.85	42.93	44.44
2024-25	306.67	121.05	37.69	52.44
2025-26 (Up to Jan 2026)	251.26	111.22	33.71	48.49

Sources: dbtfert.nic.in (NPKS includes A/S & Complexes)

(b) The country-wise and year-wise details of fertilizer imports from 2020–21 to 2025–26 (up to January 2026) are placed at **Annexure-B**.

(c) Following steps are taken by the Government every season for ensuring timely and adequate availability of fertilizers in the country:

(i) Before the commencement of each cropping season, Department of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare (DA&FW), in consultation with all the State Governments, assesses the State-wise & month-wise requirement of fertilizers.

(ii) On the basis of requirement projected by DA&FW, D/o Fertilizers allocates adequate quantities of fertilizers to States by issuing monthly supply plan and continuously monitors the availability.

(iii) The movement of all major subsidized fertilizers is monitored throughout the country by an on-line web-based monitoring system called integrated Fertilizer Management System (iFMS).

(iv) The State Governments are regularly advised to coordinate with manufacturers and importers for streamlining the supplies through timely placement of indents.

With regard to Urea, the Government had announced New Investment Policy (NIP) – 2012 on 2nd January, 2013 and its amendment on 7thOctober, 2014 to facilitate fresh investment in the urea sector and to make India self-sufficient in the urea sector. Total 6 new urea units have been set up under NIP-2012 which includes 4 urea units set up through Joint Venture Companies (JVC) of nominated PSUs and 2 urea units set up by the private companies. The units set up through JVC are Ramagundam urea unit of Ramagundam Fertilizers and Chemicals Ltd (RFCL) in Telangana and 3 urea units namely Gorakhpur, Sindri and Barauni of Hindustan Urvarak & Rasayan Limited (HURL) in Uttar Pradesh, Jharkhand and Bihar, respectively. The units set up by private companies are Panagarh urea unit of Matix Fertilizers and Chemicals Ltd. (Matix) in West Bengal; and Gadepan-III urea unit of Chambal Fertilizers and Chemicals Ltd. (CFCL) in Rajasthan. Each of these units has installed capacity of 12.7

Lakh Metric Tonne per annum (LMTPA). These units are highly energy efficient as they are based on latest technology. Therefore, these units have together added urea production capacity of 76.2 LMTPA, thereby total indigenous urea production capacity (Reassessed Capacity, RAC) has increased from 207.54 LMTPA during 2014-15 to 283.74 LMTPA during 2023-24. Further, an exclusive policy for the revival of Talcher unit of FCIL through JVC of nominated PSUs namely Talcher Fertilizers Limited (TFL) by setting up a new Greenfield Urea plant of 12.7 LMTPA at coal gasification route has also been approved. Recently, the Union Cabinet has approved the proposal for setting up of a new Brownfield Ammonia-Urea Complex of 12.7 Lakh Metric Tonnes (LMT) annual capacity of Urea production within the existing premises of Brahmaputra Valley Fertilizer Corporation Limited (BVFCL), Namrup, Assam namely Assam Valley Fertilizer and Chemical Company Ltd. (AVFCCL).

In addition, the Government also notified the New Urea Policy (NUP) – 2015 on 25thMay, 2015 for the existing 25 gas-based urea units with one of the objectives of maximizing indigenous urea production beyond RAC. The NUP-2015 has led to additional production of urea by 20-25 LMT as compared to the production during 2014-15 annually.

Above steps together have facilitated increase of Urea production from level of 225 LMT per annum during 2014-15 to a record Urea Production at 314.07 LMT during 2023-24. During 2024-25, 306.67 LMT of Urea was produced in the country.

Further, the Government has implemented Nutrient Based Subsidy (NBS) Scheme w.e.f. 01.04.2010 for Phosphatic and Potassic (P&K) Fertilizers. Under the Scheme, P&K fertilizers are covered under Open General License (OGL) and companies are free to import/manufacture these fertilizers as per their business dynamics.

To increase domestic fertilizer production and make country self-reliant the following measures have been taken by the Government:

(i) D/o Fertilizers has issued guidelines 18.01.2024 to ensure reasonableness of MRP and encourage domestic production.

(ii) Based on the requests, the new manufacturing units or increase in manufacturing capacity of existing units have been recognized / taken on record under the NBS Scheme.

(iii) The number of P&K fertilizers covered under NBS policy has increased from 22 grades in 2021 to 28 grades.

(iv) Freight Subsidy on SSP, which is an indigenously manufactured fertilizer, has been approved since Kharif, 2022 to promote SSP usage for providing Phosphatic or 'P' nutrient to the soil.

(v) To reduce import dependence on imported Potassic fertilizers, Potash Derived from Molasses (PDM), which is a domestically produced Potassic fertilizer, has been inducted under NBS scheme since Rabi, 2021.

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Annexure referred to in reply to part (a) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No 2527 for answering on 13.02.2026

Annexure-A

ALL INDIA

REQUIREMENT, AVAILABILITY & SALES POSITION OF FERTILIZERS DURING LAST 5 YEARS & CURRENT YEAR 2025-26 (TILL 08.02.26)

fig. in LMT

S.No	Year	UREA			DAP			MOP			NPKS		
		Requirement	Availability	Sales	Requirement	Availability	Sales	Requirement	Availability	Sales	Requirement	Availability	Sales
1	2025-26 (TILL 08.02.26)	351.42	399.07	361.03	105.96	113.28	92.77	23.56	27.33	19.74	145.44	179.26	137.58
2	2024-25	364.01	443.83	387.92	111.92	105.14	96.29	22.21	30.85	22.02	151.29	183.98	149.72
3	2023-24	356.08	437.47	357.81	110.18	127.42	109.73	27.62	22.74	16.45	126.31	156.51	116.80
4	2022-23	359.19	415.82	357.26	114.20	130.93	105.31	34.17	19.55	16.32	120.69	138.15	107.31
5	2021-22	356.53	389.68	341.73	123.90	100.49	92.64	37.10	27.06	23.93	122.74	135.74	121.37
6	2020-21	350.64	406.49	350.51	107.76	133.98	119.18	35.51	44.56	34.32	108.00	156.55	125.82

1. Primary Indicator of comfortable availbility: Availability > Requirement
2. Secondary Indicator of comfortable availability: Availibility > Sales

Annexure referred to in reply to part (b) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No 2527 for answering on 13.02.2026

Annexure-B

Country wise, Year wise & Fertilizers (Urea, DAP, MOP and NPK) wise Import during 2020-21 to 2025-26 (Till Jan-2026)

<Figures in Lakh MT)

Country Name	2020-21				2021-22				2022-23				2023-24				2024-25				2025-26 *(Till JAN-2026)*			
	Urea	DAP	MOP	NPK	Urea	DAP	MOP	NPK	Urea	DAP	MOP	NPK	Urea	DAP	MOP	NPK	Urea	DAP	MOP	NPK	UREA	DAP	MOP	NPK
Algeria	0.44				1.72				3.07				0.35								1.69	0.26		
Australia						0.52				1.51								1.82				3.8		
Bahrain	2.14				2.28				1.77				0.94				1.17				1.64			
Brunei																					1.21			
Canada			11.88				3.41				7.2				7.39			0.09	8.83				4.82	
China	29.75	11.44		0.57	25.91	18.15			12.8	12.17		0.83	18.65	22.28		0.3	0.99	8.47		0.77	20.93	5.11	0.28	9.61
CIS																								
CIS+Belarus			8.12				6.35																	
Cyprus																								
Egypt	11.55	0.84			7.43	0.68			2.63				0.92	0.18			0.47	0.44			1.93	0.44		
Estoma																								
Estonia					0.16				0.09															
Finland	2.08				1.52				7.69				1.41	0.33							4.22			
Germany			1.81												0.64									
Georgia					2				1.98								0.44				1.24			
Indonesia	6.59			1.94	2.33			0.63	1.34			0.27	2.16			2.14	0.97			0.28	6.14			1.21
Iran																								
Israel			3.91				5.22			0.44	6.38				3.08				2.8				2.09	
Jordan		2.19	5.01	0.96		2.07	3.87	0.35		1.65	4.09	0.12		1.74	4.31			2.39	3.01			1.67	1.98	
Kuwait																								

Latvia					1.06																			
Libya					0.47																0.42			
Lithuania			4.28				5.21																	
Nigeria					1.69				1.39								2.83				2.68			
Malaysia	0.88				1.75				1.59				1.42				1.91				3.5			
MEXICO						0.61																		
Morocco		14.51		0.28		11.6		1.66		17.47				11.13				10.74				17		
Oman	21.46				15.88				19.6		0.14		19.53				26.13				14.46			
Pakistan																								
Qatar	0.93				3.87				5.02				1.7				3.7				7.17			
Russia	0.94	2.84	7.26	8.11	2.8	1.96	0.54	5.72	6.26	9.24	0.85	22.21	15.73	3.41	12.36	17.04	9.23	2.69	18	18.27	12.13	7.55	11.44	20.42
Saudi-Arabia	1.95	16.18		1.77	4.92	18.59		3.08	4.61	21.22		2.7	2.36	16.29		2.69	5.38	19.05		3.4	5.27	23.86		1.99
Senegal																						0.06		
South Korea				0.27				0.26				1.07												1.37
Turkey		0.37										0.32										0.41		0.28
Turkmenistan															0.41				2.77				4.2	
TUNISIA						0.44				0.85														
UAE	8.22				7.95				4.16				5.08				3.25				3.04			
Ukraine	10.39				5.89																			
USA		0.45							0.49	1.28				0.31	0.5									
Uzbekistan																								
Vietnam	0.96				1.73				1.31				0.17								1.63			
Grand Total:	**98.28**	**48.82**	**42.27**	**13.9**	**91.36**	**54.62**	**24.6**	**11.7**	**75.8**	**65.83**	**18.66**	**27.52**	**70.42**	**55.67**	**28.69**	**#**	**56.47**	**45.69**	**35.41**	**22.72**	**89.3**	**60.16**	**24.81**	**34.88**