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DEPARTMENT OF FERTILIZERS

LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3546 TO BE ANSWERED ON: 13.03.2026

Imports of Fertilizers

3546. Shri Saumitra Khan:

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

- (a) whether it is true that fertilizers has been imported from China and Russia, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the action plan to overcome the shortage and become self reliant in production of chemical fertilizers in the country;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to set up a chemical fertilizer factory in Bishnupur Lok Sabha Constituency of West Bengal; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof alongwith the time-line by which the said factory is likely to be setup?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS

(Smt. Anupriya Patel)

- (a) Yes, Sir. Fertilizers have been imported from China and Russia. Imported quantity of fertilizers from China and Russia for the period of 2022-23 to 2025-26 (till February 2026) is as below:-

Import of fertilizers (Urea, DAP, MOP and NPK) from China and Russia during year 2022-23 to 2025-26 Upto Feb-26								
<i>Qty in LMT</i>								
Year	Russia				China			
	UREA	As Reported by the Companies			UREA	As Reported by the Companies		
		DAP	MOP	NPK		DAP	MOP	NPK
2022-23	6.26	9.24	0.85	22.21	12.80	12.17	0.00	0.83
2023-24	15.73	3.41	12.36	17.04	18.65	22.28	0.00	0.30
2024-25	9.23	2.69	18.00	18.27	0.99	8.47	0.00	0.77
2025-26 (Upto Feb-26)	13.99	7.55	12.97	21.00	21.24	5.11	0.28	9.61
MOP includes both Agriculture and Industrial use*								

(b) to (d) 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 reduce dependence on imported Phosphatic fertilizers 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.

As far as overcoming shortage of fertilizers is concerned, following steps are taken by the Government every season to ensure adequate and timely availability of fertilizers across 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 Monitoring System (iFMS).

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

(v) Regular Weekly Video Conference is conducted jointly by DA&FW and D/o Fertilizers with State Agriculture Officials and corrective actions are taken to dispatch fertilizer as indicated by the State Governments.

(vi) Distribution of fertilizers within the State at district level is done by the concerned State Government.

With regard to urea, the Government had announced New Investment Policy (NIP) – 2012 on 2nd January, 2013 and its amendment on 7th October, 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) at Gorakhpur in Uttar Pradesh, Sindri in Jharkhand and Barauni in 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 25th May, 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 225.85 LMT per annum during 2014-15 to a record Urea Production at 314.09 LMT during 2023-24. During 2024-25, 306.67 LMT of Urea was produced in the country.
