

(b) and (c) The domestic production of fertilizers is not likely to decline as a result of increase in the prices of petroleum products and hence there will not be any effect on imports solely on this account.

(d) The consumer prices of fertilizers are administered prices and there is no specific proposal to increase the same on account of increase in the prices of petroleum products

Stagnation in production of fertilizers

171 SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state

(a) whether there has been any stagnation in the indigenous production of fertilizers in the country widening the gap between demand and supply;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof stating the percentage of rise in the gap between demand and supply during the last year and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether in view of stagnation in the indigenous production of fertilizers government propose to import fertilizers,

(d) if so, what is the quantity of fertilizers imported/proposed to be imported and the percentage by which the gap in the demand and supply is anticipated to be met as a result thereof, and

(e) what is the likely impact of imports on the foreign exchange position?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI RAM BAHADUR SINGH) (a) and (b) Fertilizer production consistently increased during the period 1980-81 to 1988-89. The production, however, declined from 89.63 lakh tonnes (in terms of nutrient) in 1988-89 to 85.41 lakh tonnes in 1989-90 largely due to the constraints in the availability of imported raw material and

intermediates to the phosphatic manufacturing units. The gap between consumption and production increased from 20.73 lakh tonnes in 1988-89 to 31.01 lakh tonnes in 1989-90 on account of higher consumption and reduced level of production in 1989-90.

(c) Government have all along been importing fertilizers to bridge the gap between the assessed demand and indigenous production.

(d) and (e) Based on the latest indication, the likely level of import of fertilizers in the current year would be as under:

| Commodities | Quantity (in lakh tonnes) | Value of imports (C&F in Rs. crores) |
|-------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| DAP . . . | 22 00 | 781.54 |
| MOP . . . | 19 65 | 459.52 |
| SOP | 0 59 | 22.05 |
| NPK | 1 54 | 60.64 |

The import plan for the next year has not been finalised.

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(क) मध्य प्रदेश में रेल यातायात के सम्बन्ध में कितने प्रस्ताव केन्द्र सरकार के विचाराधीन हैं, और

(ख) इस सम्बन्ध में वर्तमान स्थिति क्या है?

रेल मंत्री (श्री अनेश्वर मिश्र) :

(क) और (ख) मध्य प्रदेश में नई लाइन के कार प्रस्तावों को अनमोदित किया गया है। परियोजनाएं और उनकी वर्तमान स्थिति नीचे दी गयी है :-