

constraints indicated are under examination and a proposal for amendments in the New Investment Policy notified on 4th September, 2008 is under consideration to facilitate the investments in urea sector leading self reliance in urea sector.

(c) and (d) During the year 2008-09 total consumption of urea was 266.49 LMT of the total consumption of 467.63 LMT of major fertilizers viz. urea, DAP, MOP and Complex fertilizers which constitutes 56.90%. During the year 2008-09 urea produced indigenously was 199.22 LMT and import was 56.67 LMT.

Nexus between doctors and drug manufacturers

†2333. SHRI RAGHUNANDAN SHARMA: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn towards so called nexus between doctors, medicine sale counters and drug manufacturers for increasing the sale of drugs;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has discussed this issue with drug manufacturers to check this improper way being used for increasing the sale of drugs;

(d) if so, the result thereof; and

(e) the steps taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SRIKANT JENA): (a) to (e) Reports had appeared in leading newspapers in the recent past regarding unethical practices through promotional expenses by the Pharma companies. Keeping in view the allegations made in the media reports, this Department took up the matter in the interest of consumers and patients since such promotional expenses had direct implications on prices of drugs and its affordability, thereby adversely affecting access to medicines, especially for the poor and disadvantaged. Many of the Pharmaceutical Associations have worked out a "Uniform Code of Pharmaceutical Marketing Practices" (UCMP). This, however, seems to have generated some contention between the Associations themselves, as is apparent from the Press Statement issued by SPIC, *inter-alia*, stating that they are not signatories to the UCMP. The Department of Pharmaceuticals has written to the concerned Associations for clarification. Organisation of Pharmaceutical Producers of India (OPPI) has informed that they have not received any final confirmation of the acceptance of the UCMP from SME pharma Industries Confederation (SPIC) as yet. They have further informed that the UCMP has been prepared with inputs from the following Industry Associations, in addition to OPPI:—

(i) Confederation of Indian Pharmaceutical Industry (CIPI);

(ii) Federation of pharmaceutical Entrepreneurs (FOPE);

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(iii) Indian Drug Manufacturers' Association (IDMA);

(iv) Indian Pharmaceutical Alliance

Investment and R and D in fertilizer sector

2334. SHRI VIJAY JAWAHARLAL DARDA: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) the total consumption of fertilizers for agricultural operations during the years 2006, 2007 and 2008;

(b) the ratio of indigenous production with the imported component of this vital input;

(c) the increase in investment in fertilizer industry during the last three years; and

(d) how far our Research and Development (R&D) in fertilizer production has contributed towards technological advancement since 1980s when there were only Public Sector Undertakings in this sector?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SRIKANT JENA): (a) The consumption (sales) of fertilizers during the year 2006-07, 2007-08 and 2008-09 are given below:—

All India consumption (sales) of fertilizers (LMTs)

Year	Urea	DAP	MOP	Complex
2006-07	244.85	69.24	23.93	65.00
2007-08	261.67	75.55	28.28	65.53
2008-09	266.47	99.04	40.89	71.22

(b) The percentage share of indigenous production with the imported component is given below:—

(Figures in lakh metric tonnes)

Year	UREA			DAP		
	Production	Import	Ratio	Production	Import	Ratio
2006-07	203.07	47.18	4.30	48.50	28.41	1.70
2007-08	198.48	69.27	2.86	42.15	29.78	1.41
2008-09	198.99	56.66	3.5	29.88	66.31	0.45

There are no known economically exploitable reserves of MOP in the country, Entire requirement of MOP is met through imports.

Similarly, entire requirement of complex fertilizers is met through indigenous production as