

(Fig: in lakh MT)

Fertilizers	Production	Imports	Assessed Requirements	Availability as on 28.02.2011	Sales (prov)
Urea	17.77	1.14	19.03	25.69	23.18
Dap	2.27	1.46	3.49	5.11	4.21
Mop	NIL	3.82	3.33	4.49	3.11
Complexes	7.46	NIL	5.08	9.56	6.81

#### USBRL project at Katra-Qazigund section

\*238. SHRI TARUN VIJAY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways had started constructing Udhampur-Srinagar-Baramulla Railway Link (USBRL) Project at Katra-Qazigund section with August, 2007 as the target;

(b) whether on the basis of a Chief Engineer report which examined shortcomings and proposed alternative alignment, the Railway Board had ordered a review in November, 2007;

(c) whether on the recommendations of an Expert Committee appointed to examine the alignment change proposal, the Railways had abandoned 96 out of 126 kms. retaining only 30 kms. of the approved alignment, between Katra and Banihal; and

(d) whether it is a fact that the cost of the project will now increase to Rs. 25,000 crores from 2002 estimate of Rs. 4,000 crores if Committee's recommendations are implemented?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (KUMARI MAMATA BANERJEE): (a) Udhampur-Srinagar-Baramulla new line project in Jammu & Kashmir State has been declared as National project. Qazigund-Baramulla (119 km) section has already been completed and commissioned. Qazigund-Banihal (19 km) section and Udhampur-Katra (25 Km) section are targeted for completion in 2012-13. The work in the remaining portion is also in progress.

(b) No Sir, due to difficulties encountered during construction, work was suspended on Katia-Banihal section in July 2008 and an Expert Committee was appointed to examine various issues involved including alternative alignment.

(c) No, Sir. Railway had not abandoned 96 km of the existing alignment. Alignment has been modified at a few locations due to geological considerations on account of safety. At locations,

where no work was done, the alignment has been optimized to take advantage of steeper grade of 1 in 80.

(d) No, Sir. The cost has not increased due to Expert Committee's recommendations. The cost of the Udhampur-Srinagar-Baramulla new line project was assessed as Rs. 4550 crore in 2002. The estimated cost of the project has gone upto Rs. 19565 crore due to various factors like general escalation, increase in the prices of cement and steel, enhancement in security provisions due to adverse law & order situation and introduction of new items like electrification, access roads for reaching the site of work, approach roads for stations etc for which there were no provisions in the initial estimate.

#### Production of milk

†\*239. SHRI SATYAVRAT CHATURVEDI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of times and the extent to which price of milk has been increased in Delhi during the last two years and the justification thereof;

(b) the decrease in number of milch cattle during the last five years and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government is aware of the fact that only 40 per cent green and qualitative fodder is available for milch cattle thereby affecting the production of milk; and

(d) the steps being taken by Government to check production of Synthetic milk and to produce milk according to the needs?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) During the period from March 2009 to February 2011, the price of milk has increased as given below by Delhi Milk Scheme and Mother Dairy in Delhi.

Variant	Number of times increased	Price increased (Rs./Litre)		Net Increase (in Rs.)
		From	To	
Double Toned Milk	4	18	22	4
Toned Milk	4	21	25	4
Toned Milk (Bulk Vended/loose)	4	19	24	5
Full Cream Milk	4	26	33	7

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.