

(b) and (c) Initial concerns raised by some NGOs in Germany about incineration of chemical waste from Bhopal in Germany have been addressed by GIZ, a German Government agency. The NGOs in Germany have dropped their resistance to such disposal. The negotiations with GIZ and Government of Madhya Pradesh are underway to finalize the chemical waste transfer plan as recommended by Group of Ministers and approved by Government of India.

Ban on import of urea from Iran

1444. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that India imports urea from foreign countries;
- (b) if so, the names of those countries and the quantity imported from those countries during 2010-2011 and 2011-12;
- (c) whether Government has banned import of urea from Iran; and
- (d) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SRIKANT JENA): (a) and (b) Yes Sir, the country-wise imports of urea on Government account during the year 2010-11 and 2011-12 is given in Statement (See below).

(c) and (d) No Sir, India is also importing urea from Iran. The urea imported from Iran during the current year (up to 31st July, 2012) is 3.24 lakh MT.

Statement

Country-wise Import of Urea 2010-11 and 2011-12

(Qty. in Lakh MT.)

Country	2010-11	2011-12
1	2	3
Bahrain	1.42	0.88
China	25.05	12.80
CIS	2.92	11.08

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Indonesia	1.24	1.06
Iran	11.13	19.97
Kuwait	0.00	1.02
Lithuania	0.00	0.44
Malaysia	0.00	0.15
Oman (including from OMIFCO)	23.66	24.16
Qatar	0.00	1.33
Romania	0.00	0.95
Russia/FSU	0.00	1.95
S. Arabia	0.21	1.15
UAE	0.47	0.47
Vietnam	0.00	0.93
TOTAL	66.10	78.34

Increase in price of urea

1445. SHRI VEER SINGH: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any plan to reduce the subsidy and increase the retail prices of urea and other fertilizers;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the maximum retail price of urea fixed by Government; and

(d) the steps taken by Government to check the increase in prices of urea and other fertilizers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SRIKANT JENA): (a) and (b) There is no proposal to reduce the subsidy on fertilizers. As regards increase in the retail price of Urea, formulation of policy for existing urea units beyond Stage-III of New Pricing Scheme(NPS) is under consideration of the Government.