

The report No. 4 of 2016 of Comptroller and Auditor General of India is under examination.

### **Self reliance in fertilizer production**

679. DR. PRABHAKAR KORE: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether India has recorded highest ever production of fertilizers during 2015-16 and has set the target of 'zero import' of urea in the next few years; and;

(b) if so, the details of the actual annual requirement, actual annual production in the country and the quantity of fertilizers being imported every year to meet the demand of fertilizers in the country for the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI HANSRAJ GANGARAM AHIR): (a) and (b) India has recorded highest ever production of urea during 2015-16. The details of requirement, production and import of fertilizers during last three years are as follows:

(Fig. in 'LMT')

Year	Product Name	Urea	DAP	MOP	NPK
2013-14	Requirement	316.60	109.85	35.13	107.34
	Production	227.15	36.11	-	69.13
	Import	70.88	32.61	31.80	3.62
2014-15	Requirement	306.71	95.94	30.26	99.81
	Production	225.85	34.44	-	78.32
	Import	87.49	38.53	41.97	2.91
2015-16	Requirement	313.36	102.34	36.07	105.89
	Production	244.75	37.87	-	83.01
	Import	84.74	60.08	31.02	6.29

# MOP includes both for use as direct application as well as NPK manufacture.  
For MOP, the country is totally import dependent.

### **Effect of New Urea Policy on subsidy burden**

680. PROF. M.V. RAJEEV GOWDA: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the New Urea Policy put in place in June 2015, has reduced the subsidy burden on Government; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI HANSRAJ GANGARAM AHIR): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. New Urea Policy (NUP)-2015 notified on 25th May, 2015 has reduced the energy consumption norms resulting in reduction in subsidy burden of the Government. The average reduction in energy consumption is 0.119 Gcal /MT of urea. At March 2016 pooled price of gas, reduction in subsidy burden is estimated to ₹ 480 crore upto reassessed capacity of production.

#### **Promotion of generic medicines**

681. SHRI DEVENDER GOUD T.: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) the efforts being made by the Ministry to train and encourage doctors to prescribed generic medicines as they are much cheaper than the branded drugs;

(b) the plans the Ministry has to open Jan Aushadhi Stores in all medical colleges, district hospitals and in all private hospitals to achieve (a) above;

(c) whether any consultations have been held with Indian Medical Association and the Medical Council of India to boost consumption of generic drugs in the country; and

(d) if so, the outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI HANSRAJ GANGARAM AHIR): (a) to (d) To make available quality drugs at affordable prices through Jan Aushadhi Stores, the co-operation of States Governments/ Union Territories have been sought to open Jan Aushadhi Stores in all the Medical college and District hospitals. The private entrepreneurs have also been encouraged to open Jan Aushadhi Stores. The representatives of Indian Medical Association (I.M.A.) were called in various workshops and seminars held for Jan Aushadhi Scheme and persuaded to encourage their member Medical Practitioners to prescribe generic drugs. Their response in this regard has been positive. The Bureau of Pharma Public Sector Undertakings of India (BPPI) is also planning media activities for sensitization of doctors and to encourage them for prescribing Jan Aushadhi generic medicines. Support of IMA is also being taken for these activities.