

P&K Fertilizers have been decontrolled under the NBS Scheme. The price of P&K Fertilizers is fixed by the Fertilizers Companies as per the market dynamics at reasonable level. The prices of P&K Fertilizers have been increased by the Fertilizer Companies during last one year. The MRP of DAP has been increased from ₹ 20884.97 per MT (without tax) in December 2017 to ₹ 26160.20 per MT (without tax) in October, 2018 and MRP of MOP has been increased from ₹ 11443.58 per MT (without tax) in December, 2017 to ₹ 17240.88 per MT (without tax) in October, 2018.

(b) Inter-Ministerial Committee (IMC), constituted under the Nutrient Based Subsidy scheme for recommendations of NBS rates for P&K fertilizers for decision of the Government has examined the data of international prices of these commodities, exchange rate variation, MRP of these fertilizers and inventory level in December, 2018 and recommended for keeping the NBS rates at its present level.

Government of India is promoting the balance and judicious use of fertilizers. Government of India is implementing a scheme on Soil Health Card. The Soil Health Card besides providing the soil fertility status, also recommends the appropriate dose of fertilizer required to be applied in particular soil for particular crop.

Demand of fertilizers

1334. SHRI VIJAY PAL SINGH TOMAR: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

- (a) the total annual demand of different fertilizers in the country;
- (b) whether this demand has been fulfilled by indigenous production;
- (c) if not, the manner in which this gap would be bridged; and
- (d) whether Government has any specific plan for starting new urea and other fertilizer plants in the country, if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI RAO INDERJIT SINGH): (a): Sir, the total annual demand of different fertilizers in the country is indicated in the table below:—

(figures in LMT)

Demand of fertilizers in the Country for the financial year 2018-19			
Urea	DAP	MOP	NPK
293.00	99.64	37.54	101.93

(b) No, Sir.

(c) The gap between demand (requirement) and production is met through imports. The import for the season is also finalized well in advance to ensure timely availability.

(d) Under the provision of New Investment Policy (NIP) – 2012 dated 2nd January, 2013 and its amendment dated 7th October, 2014, Matix Fertilisers and Chemicals Limited (Matix) has set up a Coal Bed Methane (CBM) based Greenfield Ammonia-Urea complex at Panagarh, West Bengal.

Chambal Fertilizers and Chemicals Limited (CFCL) has also set up a brownfield project at Gadepan, Rajasthan.

Government of India has, at present decided to revive 5 closed units namely Gorakhpur (Uttar Pradesh), Sindri (Jharkhand), Talcher (Odisha) and Ramagundam (Telangana) units of Fertilizer Corporation of India Limited (FCIL) and Barauni (Bihar) unit of Hindustan Fertilizer Corporation Limited (HFCL) through 'Nomination Route' of Joint Ventures of nominated Central Public Sector Enterprises (CPSEs). Each of these units are being revived by installing new Urea Plant having production capacity of 12.7 Lakh Metric Tonne Urea per annum.

In addition to above, Government has also decided to install a new Urea plant of 8.646 Lakh Metric Ton (LMT) per annum in the existing premises of Brahmaputra Valley Fertilizer Corporation Limited (BVFCL), which will subsequently replace the existing urea plant.

Increase in production of fertilizers

1335. SHRI SHWAIT MALIK: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any increase in the production of fertilizers till date and if so, the extent of increase thereof;

(b) whether new fertilizer plants are being set up as per the growing needs of the future and if so, the number of plants that would be set up; and

(c) whether there is any shortage of fertilizers in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (RAOINDERJIT SINGH): (a) The production of all major fertilizers (includes Urea, DAP, Complex, A/S and SSP) during 2014-15 to 2018-19 (up to November, 2018) are given below:—