

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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DEPARTMENT OF FERTILIZERS

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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3702 TO BE ANSWERED ON: 05.04.2022

**Abnormal rise in the price of Murate of Potash (MoP)**

**3702. SHRI SAMBHAJI CHHATRAPATI:**

Will the Minister of **CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is aware that price of the Murate of Potash (MoP) has almost doubled in the last four months making it impossible for the farmers to purchase and use it in their fields for increase in overall production;
- (b) if so, the reasons thereof;
- (c) the immediate plans to lower the exorbitant price of one of the most essential fertilizers, MoP, to make it affordable for farmers in view of the commitment of Government to double the income of farmers by 2022; and
- (d) whether MoP would be made available to the farmers at reduced / subsidized price before the start of summer sowing?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF STATE FOR CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS

**(SHRI BHAGWANTH KHUBA)**

(a) to (d): Yes Sir. The country is 100% dependent upon import of Murate of Potash (MoP) and there has been an increasing trend in the international price of MOP. MOP is a decontrolled fertilizer. Government announces subsidy under Nutrient Based Subsidy (NBS) to the Phosphatic & Potassic (P&K) fertilizers, which are derived out of international prices. MOP is also under NBS scheme and suitable subsidy is provided to the P&K fertilizer companies for import of MOP so as to make fertilizers available to farmers at affordable price.

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