

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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DEPARTMENT OF FERTILIZERS

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Import of fertilizers

1458: SHRI SUJEET KUMAR:

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

- (a) the current requirement of chemical fertilizers in the country and the steps taken by Government to promote organic fertilizers;
- (b) the current import requirement of fertilizers in the country;
- (c) the countries from which fertilizers are imported; and
- (d) the steps taken by Government to create awareness among the farmers against the side effects of use of chemical fertilizers?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE AND CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS

(DR. MANSUKH MANDAVIYA)

(a) : The current requirement of chemical fertilizers in the country for the ongoing Rabi 2021-22 Season is as per **Annexure-A**.

The steps taken by Government of India to promote organic fertilizer are as follows:

- I. Government is promoting organic farming through dedicated schemes viz Parampragat Krishi Vikas Yojana (PKVY) and Mission Organic Value Chain Development for North Eastern Region (MOVCDNER) since 2015-16. Both the schemes provide end to end support to organic farmers from organic production to certification and marketing including post harvest management support like processing, packaging, storage etc.
- II. Under PKVY scheme, financial assistance of Rs. 50000/ha for 3 years is provided, in which Rs. 31000/ ha / 3 years is provided directly to farmers through DBT for organic inputs such as seeds, bio fertilizers, bio-pesticides, organic manure, compost/vermi-compost, botanical extracts etc. Under MOVCDNER scheme a sum of Rs. 46,575/ha for 3years is provided for creation of FPO, support to farmers for organic inputs, quality seeds/ planting material and training, hand holding and certification.

National Centre of Organic Farming, subordinate office of DA&FW, and ICAR have been involved in training and education of farmers on all aspects of organic farming.

(b) : The average fertilizer imports for the last three years (FY 2018-19 to FY 2020-21) is 88.11 LMT & 103.82 LMT for Urea and P&K fertilizers respectively in the country.

(c) : The countries from which fertilizers are imported during the current year are Algeria, Australia, Bahrain, Belarus, Canada, China, Georgia, Egypt, Estonia, Finland, Indonesia, Israel, Jordan, Lithuania, Malaysia, Morocco, Nigeria, Oman, Qatar, Russia, Saudi Arabia, South Korea, Tunisia, Latvia, Libiya, UAE, Ukraine and Vietnam.

(d) : Government is promoting Integrated Nutrient Management (INM) which includes soil test based balanced and integrated use of chemical fertilizers in conjunction with organic sources of nutrients like Farm Yard Manure (FYM), city compost, vermi-compost and bio-fertilizers that leads to saving in use of chemical fertilizers.

INM is being promoted through implementation of Soil Health Card (SHC) scheme since 2015. Soil health card provides nutrient status of the soil along with prescription about balanced and integrated use of inorganic and organic fertilizers to maintain good soil health that results in increase in production.

Demonstrations about balanced use of fertilizers based on soil health card recommendations and training to the farmers on proper and integrated use of fertilizers are integral part of the scheme. Financial assistance is provided to State governments for training of farmers, demonstrations on farmer fields and organizing farmer melas.

Annexure-A

ALL INDIA REQUIREMENT OF FERTILIZERS DURING RABI 2021-22 SEASON		
<FIGURES IN LMT>		
S.NO	PRODUCT GROUP	REQUIREMENT
1	UREA	179.00
2	DAP	58.71
3	MOP	16.86
4	NPKS	60.86
5	SSP	30.12
