

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
DEPARTMENT OF FERTILIZERS

LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1051 TO BE ANSWERED ON: 08.12.2023

Demand of Fertilizers for Rabi Season

1051: SHRI NATARAJAN P.R.:

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

- (a) whether the Government has any data/statistics with regard to requirement of fertilizers to meet the Rabi crop season in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government has any plan to import fertilizers to meet the demand of shortage of fertilizers in the country; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof along with the quantity of import of the same?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS
(SHRI BHAGWANTH KHUBA)

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. DA&FW has assessed the requirement of major fertilizers viz. Urea, DAP, MOP and Complex (NPKS) for Rabi 2023-24 season which is as under:

(Unit: in Lakh Metric Tons)	
Products	Requirement Assessed for Rabi 2023-24 season
Urea	185.41
DAP	54.99
MOP	12.60
Complex	63.60

(c): The requirement of fertilizers in the country is assessed by DA&FW in coordination with the State Governments. This requirement is met through indigenous production and timely imports. In case of Urea, the imports are done on Government account through 3 designated STEs namely Indian Potash Ltd. (IPL), Rashtriya Chemicals & Fertilizers Ltd. (RCF) & National Fertilizers Ltd. (NFL) and through long term contracts for Urea imports from OQ trading (OMAN). Government imports Urea on a regular basis to bridge the gap between the demand and indigenous production. Further, P&K fertilizers are under Open General License and companies are importing these fertilizers to meet the demand based upon their commercial considerations.

(d): The imports in FY 2022-23 for Urea, DAP, MOP and Complex were 75.80 LMT, 65.83 LMT, 18.66 LMT and 27.52 LMT respectively. Further, imports of fertilizers are being done regularly during FY 2023-24 to meet the demand of the farmers of the country.
