

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
LOK SABHA**

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PRICE FIXATION OF PHOSPHORIC ACID
RAM PRASAD SINGH

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

- (a) Whether it is a fact that Fertilizer Association of India fixes the prices of phosphoric acid which is being imported;
- (b) If so, the details of prices quoted by the agents of foreign suppliers and the price fixed by the FAI; and
- (c) the names of foreign companies which have quoted the prices for the supply of phosphoric acid thereto?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (DR. CHHATTRA PAL SINGH)

(a) No sir, There is a consortium of certain phosphatic fertilizer manufacturers under the aegis of Fertilizer Association of India (FAI) which negotiates price of phosphoric acid to be supplied during the year with the phosphoric acid suppliers. The committee comprising the Chief Executive/Senior Executive level of concerned manufactures negotiates with the suppliers the price of phosphoric acid. After the broad settlement of price and other terms and conditions of the contract/ agreement all the commercial transactions related to purchase of phosphoric acid takes place directly between the buyers and the suppliers.

(b) & (c) The phosphoric acid price negotiated by the consortium for the year 2003-04 is US \$ 356 per tonne of P₂O₅ C&F for one or two port discharge on the same coast with 150 days interest free credit. The name of the suppliers and the prices quoted by them are as under:-

S No. Company Quantity (MT) P₂O₅ Price US\$/ MT P₂O₅

1 GCT Tunisia 260000 FOB = 324.00
C&F = 398.00

2 JPMC Jordan 35000 +/-(-)10% FOB = 355.00
C&F = 402.00

3 LCC Labanon 35/40000 +/-(-) 5% FOB = 329.85
C&F = 399.85

4 OCP Morocco 520000 FOB = 320.00
C&F = 396.00