

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:257
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IMPORT OF UREA
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Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

- (a) the import price of urea since 1999-2000 till date;
- (b) the quantity of urea imported during the said period, total money spent on this account and the subsidy outgo for the import; and
- (c) the projected consumption of urea in the country during the next plan period and the steps taken by the Government to bridge the gap between demand and indigenous availability of urea?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS AND MINISTER OF STEEL (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN)

(a) to (c): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement referred to in reply to parts (a) to (c) of Lok Sabha Starred Question No. 257 to be answered on 30.08.2007.

(a) The weighted average C&F price of urea imported on Government account since 1999-2000 is as below:-

Year	Wt.	Average C&F price (US \$ per MT)
		For import from other sources For imports from OMIFCO under UOTA

1999-2000	86.00	Nil
2000-2001	Nil	Nil
2001-2002	106.50	Nil
2002-2003	Nil	Nil
2003-2004	Nil	Nil
2004-2005	237.88	Nil
2005-2006	258.56	155.23
2006-07	248.85	168.66
2007-08 (up to 07/ 07)	336.53	212.28

(b) The urea imports on government account, gross expenditure and the net subsidy paid on imported urea since 1999-2000 is as under: -

Year	Urea Imports (in lakh MT)	Gross Expenditure (Rs/ crore)	Net Subsidy (Rs/crore)
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1999-2000	5.33	293.00	74.07
2000-2001	0.00	11.85	0.98
2001-2002	2.20	147.50	47.34
2002-2003	0.00	1.16	0.00
2003-2004	0.00	0.82	0.00
2004-2005	6.41	742.64	493.91
2005-2006	20.57	2164.71	1201.43
2006-07	47.19	5071.06	3274.09
2007-08 (upto 07/ 07)	20.72	2838.19	2206.15

(c) The actual sales of urea during 2006-07 was approximately 245 lakh MT. The estimated demand during the current year 2007-08 is 276 lakh MT. The requirement of urea during 2011-12 which is the terminal year of the 11th plan, as estimated by the Working Group on Fertilizers is 287.50 lakh MT

All efforts are being made to encourage increased production indigenously to meet the projected requirement of urea.

