

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS  
DEPARTMENT OF FERTILIZERS

**LOK SABHA**

**UN STARRED QUESTION NO. 71 TO BE ANSWERED ON: 02.02.2024**

**Use of Alternative Fertilizers**

**71. SHRIMATI SARMISTHA SETHI:**

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

- (a) whether the Government is taking measures to encourage the use of alternative fertilizers in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the progress made in this regard;
- (c) whether the Government intends to provide for subsidies on such organic and bio-fertilizers to promote the same; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF STATE FOR CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS

**(SHRI BHAGWANTH KHUBA)**

(a) to (d) : Yes, Sir. Government of India is taking various measures to encourage the use of alternative fertilizers such as bio-fertilizers and organic fertilizers through various schemes i.e. National Mission for Sustainable Agriculture (NMSA), Paramparagat Krishi Vikas Yojna (PKVY) and Mission Organic Value Chain Development in North East Region (MOVCDNER) including other Central and State Government schemes. Under organic farming, about 10 lakh hectare area has been covered as per PGS-India certification data. Currently, a total of 1016429 ha. area with 1632852 farmers are registered under PGS-India program in the country. Under PKVY & MOVCDNER, farmers are encouraged to take up organic cultivation using organic inputs and the schemes provide end to end support to farmer's i.e. from production to marketing of organic produce. Hands-on training to farmers about on-farm production of organic fertilizers and its use are integral part of these schemes. Farmers are provided a subsidy of Rs. 31,000/ha/3 years under PKVY and Rs.32,500/ha/3 years under MOVCDNER for various organic inputs.

The Government has approved the Market Development Assistance (MDA) @ Rs. 1500/MT to promote organic fertilizers, i.e. manure produced at plants under GOBARdhan initiative and PM Programme for Restoration, Awareness Generation, Nourishment and Amelioration of Mother Earth (PM-PRANAM) for a period of three years (FY 2023-24 to 2025-26).

The PM-PRANAM initiative aims to complement the efforts initiated by States/UTs to save the health of Mother Earth by promoting sustainable and balanced use of fertilizers, adopting alternate fertilizers, promoting organic & natural farming etc.

The Government is promoting the balanced and judicious use of fertilizers based on soil test-based recommendations in conjunction with organic and bio-fertilizers.

These initiatives of the Government are expected to address the imbalanced use of chemical fertilizers thereby reducing chemical fertilizer use.

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