

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:426  
ANSWERED ON:24.08.2000  
PRODUCTION OF BIO-FERTILIZERS  
RAJO SINGH;UMMAREDDY VENKATESWARLU

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

- (a) whether the Government propose to boost the production of bio-fertilizers in the country;
- (b) if so, the details of the steps being taken in this regard;
- (c) the names of the States where the bio-fertilizers are being produced alongwith State-wise details thereof;
- (d) whether any assistance has been given to encourage the use of bio-fertilizers during the last three years; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof, State-wise and year-wise?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SURESH P. PRABHU)

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

Statement referred to in reply to Parts (a) to (e) of the Lok Sabha Starred Question No. 426 for 24.8.2000 asked by Shri Rajo Singh and Prof. Ummareddy Venkateswarlu

(a) & (b): Yes sir. The Department of Agriculture & Cooperation(DAC),Government of India, is implementing during 9th plan a continuing central sector scheme entitled 'National Project on Development and Use of Biofertilizers'.Under the scheme a national centre has been established at Gaziabad with its six regional centres one each at Hissar, Jabalpur, Bangalore, Nagpur, Bhubaneshwar and Imphal. These centresorganise training programmes for their extension workers, dealers and farmers. The centres also organise field demonstrations on the use of biofertilizers. The centres maintain improved strains of biofertilizers, for distribution among biofertilizer producers in the country. The literature on the utility of biofertilizers is also prepared and distributed for use by extension workers, biofertilizer producers, dealers and farmers.

Under the scheme, a non-recurring grant-in-aid upto Rs 20 Lakhs is given forequipment to set up biofertilizer production unit of 150 tonnes capacity per annum. Proportionately lower grants are given for the smaller capacity. During 9th plan, a provision of Rs.6.0 crore has been made for giving grant to set up bio fertilizer units.

(c): As per the industrial policy of the Government, no licence is required for setting up biofertilizer units in the country. Entrepreneurs are free to set up biofertilizer projects anywhere in the country.

A statement indicating state-wise number of biofertilizer production units set-up/ being set-up both as those sponsored/financed by Government of India and those established without the grant from the Government of India are given in Annexure-I.

(d) & (e): Yes Sir. Assistance amounting to Rs.301.00 lakhs have been given forestablishment for biofertilizer units in some of the States during last 3 years. The details are given in Annexure-II. Besides, the Department of Fertilizers has also given grant-in- aid of Rs.10.00 lakhs to M/s HFC Ltd. during 1997-98 for strengthening biofertilizerproduction units at Durgapur, Barauni, Sindri and Namrup.

Annexure-I

The Statewise details of biofertiliser production capacities created by GOI and others.

S.No. Name of the State BF Prodn. Cap./annum (tons)  
Sponsored by GOI Others  
No. of units Capacity No. of units Capacity

1	Andhra Pradesh	3	225	1	70
2	Arunachal Pradesh	1	75		
3	Assam		2	300	
4	Bihar	4	375	1	11
5	Meghalaya	1	75		
6	Mizoram		1	75	
7	Nagaland		1	150	

8 Orissa			4	525		
9 West Bengal	3	300		2	234	
10 Haryana			1	75		
11 Himachal Pradesh	1			75		
12 Uttar Pradesh	4	225	10	300		
13 Karnataka	8	1050	3	430		
14 Kerala			3	300		
15 Tamil Nadu	7	600	7	459		
16 Pondicherry	1			75		
17 Gujarat			6	1200		
18 Madhya Pradesh			6	1025		
19 Maharashtra	15		1950	20	6048	
20 Rajasthan	2	225	3	1052		
21 Punjab			1	175		
22 Delhi					1	3
23 Tripura					1	10
TOTAL		75	9075	49	8617	

Total Biofertiliser production capacity created by GOI and Others 1769

Total No. of GOI units and other 124

## ANNEXURE-II

### Grant released during last three years for setting up bio fertilizer production units.

Sl. No.	Name of State	Year	(Rs. In lakhs)	Total
		1997-98	1998-99	1999-2000

Central Sector Scheme of Deptt. of Agril. & Coop.

1 Gujarat	40.00	-	15.00	55.00
2 Madhya Pradesh	20.00	-	-	20.00
3 Uttar Pradesh	20.00	-	-	20.00
4 Maharashtra	-	30.00	90.00	120.00
5 M eghalaya	-	10.00	-	10.00
6 Tamil Nadu	-	10.00	-	10.00
7 Karnataka	-	-	42.50	42.50
8 Kerala	-	-	5.00	5.00
9 Arunachal Pradesh	-	-	5.00	5.00
Total	80.00	50.00	157.50	287.50

Scheme of Deptt. of Fertilizers

1 Andhra Pradesh	6.50	-	-	6.50
2 Karnataka	7.00	-	-	7.00
Total	13.50	-	-	13.50
Grand Total	93.50	50.00	157.50	301.00