

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

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PROMOTION OF ORGANIC MANURES AND BIO FERTILIZERS

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

- (a) whether the Government plans to promote the production and usage of organic manures and bio-fertilizers;
- (b) if so, the organic / bio-fertilizers produced and marketed in the country and the existing support systems;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to bring these organic / bio-fertilizers under the proposed nutrient based subsidy system;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the nature of support likely to be given by the Government for organic fertilizers produced by the farmers in their own fields?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS (SHRI SRIKANT KUMAR JENA)

- (a): Government is promoting the production and use of organic manures and bio-fertilizers under different schemes of Department of Agriculture and co-operation such as National Project on Organic Farming (NPOF) and National Project for Management of Soil Health and Fertility.
- (b) During 2008-09, 64223.81 MT of different Biofertilizer and other microbial inputs were produced in the country.
- (c) No, Madam.
- (d) Does not arise.
- (e) Under the Department of Agriculture & Co-operation, financial assistance is provided for setting up of vermicompost production units at farmer's fields under National Horticulture Mission (NHM) and Vermiculture hatcheries under National Project on Organic Farming (NPOF).