

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5384
ANSWERED ON:06.09.2011
SUBSIDY ON ORGANIC FERTILISERS
Rai Shri Prem Das

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any subsidy is provided on procurement of manure for organic farming and agriculture as opposed to huge subsidies being given for inorganic fertilisers;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government plans to introduce any such subsidies in States like Sikkim which have declared themselves as organic States; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI HARISH RAWAT)

(a) to (d): The Government is providing financial assistance for organic manure under the following schemes to States / UTs, including Sikkim:

(i) Under National Project on Organic Farming (NPOF) financial assistance is provided as credit linked back ended subsidy through NABARD for setting up of fruit/vegetable waste / agro-waste compost unit @ 33% of the total cost of project up to Rs.60.00 lakh per unit and @ 25% of the total cost of project up to Rs.40.00 lakh per unit of bio-fertilizer / bio-pesticides production units.

(ii) Under National Horticulture Mission (NHM) financial assistance is provided for setting up vermicompost production units @ 50% of the cost subject to a maximum of Rs.30,000/- per beneficiary.

(iii) Under National Project on Management of Soil Health and Fertility (NPMSHF) there is provision for subsidy on promotion of organic fertilizer up to Rs.500/- per hectare.

(iv) Assistance is also available for organic fertilizers under Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojna (RKVY).