

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

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CHEMICAL FREE FERTILIZERS TO FARMERS
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Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

- (a) Whether the Government is contemplating to provide chemical free fertilizers to all the farmers throughout the country by using new technique in order to stop the rampant use of chemical fertilizers and poisonous chemicals materials/medicines;
- (b) if so, the time by which the said fertilizers are likely to be provided; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SRIKANT KUMAR JENA)

(a)to(c): At present, there is no such proposal to provide chemical free fertilizes to the farmers. However, the Government is promoting soil test based, balanced and judicious use of chemical fertilizers, bio-fertilizers, and locally available organic manures such farm yard manure, vermin-compost, and green manure to maintain soil health and productivity. In order to encourage the use of organic and bio-fertilizers, 5 bio-fertilizers namely Rhizobium, Azotobacter, Azospirillum, Phosphate Solubilizing Bacteria and Mycorrhiza have been incorporated in Fertilizer Control Order (FCO), 1985. Organic fertilizers and bio- fertilizers are available in open market. However, few States also provide bio fertilizers to farmers.