

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:691
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USE OF ORGANIC FERTILISERS .
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Union Government is considering to incentivise the use of organic fertilisers based on natural products like neem, tulsi and other plants so that large scale use of pesticides and insecticides could be minimised;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

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

(a) to (c): Government is already providing incentives on organic fertilizers under the following scheme:-

- (i) Under National Project on Organic Farming (NPOF), financial assistance and encouragement of production and use of organic inputs through Capital Investment Subsidy for setting up of Fruits and Vegetables Wastes / Agro-Wastes Compost Production Units is provided through NABARD in the form of credit-linked back ended subsidy @ 33% of total financial outlay or Rs.60.00 lakh, whichever is less.
- (ii) Under National Horticulture Mission (NHM) financial assistance is provided for setting up vermin-compost units @ 50% of the cost subject to a maximum of Rs.30,000/- per beneficiary.

Use of bio-pesticides based on natural products like Neem, Tulsi and other plants are also being encourage under Integrated Pest Management (IPM).